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BEING THE

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

The SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS commenced this day, conformably to the Constitution of the United States, and the Senate assembled in its chamber at the city of Washington.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1877.

PRESENT:

From the State of New Hampshire.

Messrs. { Edward H. Rollins,
Bainbridge Wadleigh.

From the State of Massachusetts.

Mr. Henry L. Dawes.

From the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

Messrs. { Henry B. Anthony,
Ambrose E. Burnside.

From the State of Connecticut.

Mr. William W. Eaton.

From the State of Vermont.

Messrs. { George F. Edmunds,
Justin S. Morrill.

From the State of New York.

Messrs. { Roscoe Conkling,
Francis Kernan.

From the State of Pennsylvania.

Messrs. { James Donald Cameron,
William A. Wallace.

From the State of Delaware.

Messrs. { Thomas F. Bayard,
Eli Saulsbury.

From the State of Maryland.

Mr. William Pinkney Whyte.

From the State of Virginia.

Messrs. { John W. Johnston,
Robert E. Withers.

From the State of North Carolina.

Messrs. { Augustus S. Merrimon,
Matt. W. Ransom.

From the State of South Carolina.

Mr. John J. Patterson.

From the State of Georgia.

Messrs. { John B. Gordon,
Benjamin H. Hill.

From the State of Kentucky.

Messrs. { James B. Beck,
Thomas C. McCreery.

From the State of Tennessee.

Messrs. { James E. Bailey,
Isham G. Harris.

From the State of Ohio.

Messrs. { Stanley Matthews,
Allen G. Thurman.

From the State of Louisiana.

Mr. William Pitt Kellogg.

From the State of Indiana.

Messrs. { Joseph E. McDonald,
Daniel W. Voorhees.

From the State of Illinois.

Messrs. { David Davis,
Richard J. Oglesby.

From the State of Alabama.

Messrs. { John T. Morgan,
George E. Spencer.

From the State of Missouri.

Mr. Francis M. Cockrell.

From the State of Mississippi.

Mr. Blanche K. Bruce.

From the State of Arkansas.

Messrs. { Stephen W. Dorsey,
A. H. Garland.

From the State of Michigan.

Messrs. { Isaac P. Christiancy,
Thomas W. Ferry.

From the State of Florida.

Messrs. { Simon B. Conover,
Charles W. Jones.

From the State of Texas.

Messrs. { Richard Coke,
S. B. Maxey.

From the State of Iowa.

Messrs. { William B. Allison,
Samuel J. Kirkwood.

From the State of Wisconsin.

Messrs. { Angus Cameron,
Timothy O. Howe,

From the State of California.

Messrs. { Newton Booth,
Aaron A. Sargent.

From the State of Minnesota.

Messrs. { Samuel J. R. McMillan.
William Windom.

From the State of Oregon.

Mr. John H. Mitchell.

From the State of Kansas.

Mr. John J. Ingalls.

From the State of West Virginia.

Messrs. { Henry G. Davis,
Frank Hereford.

From the State of Nevada.

Mr. John P. Jones.

From the State of Nebraska.

Messrs. { Algernon S. Paddock, Alvin Saunders.

From the State of Colorado.

Messrs. { Jerome B. Chaffee, Henry M. Teller.

The Vice-President resumed the chair.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of two members, be appointed to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives, to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each house is assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

Ordered, That the committee be appointed by the Vice-President; and

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Anthony and Mr. Whyte.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the hour of the daily meeting of the Senate be 12 o'clock meridian, until otherwise ordered.

On motion by Mr. Sargent, at 12 o'clock and 5 minutes p. m.,

The Senate took a recess for thirty minutes.

After which,

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following resolutions; which I am directed to communicate to the Senate:

Resolved, That the Clerk inform the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives has assembled, and that the House is ready to proceed to business.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed on the part of the House, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of the two houses has assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

Ordered, That Mr. Knott, Mr. Hardenbergh, and Mr. Cox, of Ohio, be the said committee.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the annual report of the Secretary of the Senate, communicating a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate from July 1, 1876, to June 30, 1877; and also a statement of property in his possession belonging to the United States December 3, 1877.

Ordered, That it be printed and referred to the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, when appointed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the annual report of the

Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, communicating, in obedience to law, a statement of property in his possession belonging to the United States December 3, 1877.

Ordered, That it be printed and referred to the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, when appointed.

Mr. Anthony, from the joint committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of each house is assembled, and that Congress is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, reported that the committee had performed the duty assigned them, and that they had been instructed by the President to say that he would immediately make a communication to each house in writing.

Whereupon,

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Rogers, his secretary:

Fellow-Citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives:

With devout gratitude to the bountiful Giver of all good, I congratulate you that, at the beginning of your first regular session, you find our country blessed with health and peace and abundant harvests, and with encouraging prospects of an early return of general prosperity.

To complete and make permanent the pacification of the country continues to be, and, until it is fully accomplished, must remain, the most important of all our national interests. The earnest purpose of good citizens generally to unite their efforts in this endeavor is evident. It found decided expression in the resolutions announced in 1876, by the national conventions of the leading political parties of the country. There was a wide-spread apprehension that the momentous results in our progress as a nation, marked by the recent amendments to the Constitution, were in imminent jeopardy; that the good understanding which prompted their adoption, in the interest of a loyal devotion to the general welfare, might prove a barren truce, and that the two sections of the country, once engaged in civil strife, might be again almost as widely severed and disunited as they were when arrayed in arms against each other.

The course to be pursued, which in my judgment seemed wisest, in the presence of this emergency, was plainly indicated in my inaugural address. It pointed to the time, which all our people desire to see, when a genuine love of our whole country, and of all that concerns its true welfare, shall supplant the destructive forces of the mutual animosity of races and of sectional hostility. Opinions have differed widely as to the measures best calculated to secure this great end. This was to be expected. The measures adopted by the administration have been subjected to severe and varied criticism. Any course whatever which might have been entered upon would certainly have encountered distrust and opposition. These measures were, in my judgment, such as were most in harmony with the Constitution and with the genius of our people, and best adapted, under all the circumstances, to attain the end in view. Beneficent results, already apparent, prove that these endeavors are not to be regarded as a mere experiment, and should sustain and encourage us in our efforts. Already, in the brief period which has elapsed, the immediate effectiveness, no less than the justice of the course pursued, is demonstrated, and I have an abiding faith that time will furnish its ample vindication in the minds of the great majority of my fellow-citizens. The discontinuance of the use of the Army for the purpose of upholding local governments in two States of the Union was

no less a constitutional duty and requirement, under the circumstances existing at the time, than it was a much-needed measure for the restoration of local self-government and the promotion of national harmony. The withdrawal of the troops from such employment was effected deliberately, and with solicitous care for the peace and good order of society and the protection of the property and persons and every right of all classes of citizens.

The results that have followed are indeed significant and encouraging. All apprehension of danger from remitting those States to local self-government is dispelled; and a most salutary change in the minds of the people has begun, and is in progress in every part of that section of the country once the theater of unhappy civil strife, substituting for suspicion, distrust, and aversion, concord, friendship, and patriotic attachment to the Union. No unprejudiced mind will deny that the terrible and often fatal collisions which for several years have been of frequent occurrence, and have agitated and alarmed the public mind, have almost entirely ceased, and that a spirit of mutual forbearance and hearty national interest has succeeded. There has been a general reestablishment of order, and of the orderly administration of justice. Instances of remaining lawlessness have become of rare occurrence; political turmoil and turbulence have disappeared; useful industries have been resumed; public credit in the Southern States has been greatly strengthened; and the encouraging benefits of a revival of commerce between the sections of the country, lately embroiled in civil war, are fully enjoyed. Such are some of the results already attained, upon which the country is to be congratulated. They are of such importance that we may with confidence patiently await the desired consummation that will surely come with the natural progress of events.

It may not be improper here to say that it should be our fixed and unalterable determination to protect, by all available and proper means, under the Constitution and the laws, the lately-emancipated race in the enjoyment of their rights and privileges; and I urge upon those to whom heretofore the colored people have sustained the relation of bondmen, the wisdom and justice of humane and liberal local legislation with respect to their education and general welfare. A firm adherence to the laws, both national and State, as to the civil and political rights of the colored people, now advanced to full and equal citizenship; the immediate repression and sure punishment by the national and local authorities, within their respective jurisdictions, of every instance of lawlessness and violence toward them, is required for the security alike of both races, and is justly demanded by the public opinion of the country and the age. In this way the restoration of harmony and good-will, and the complete protection of every citizen in the full enjoyment of every constitutional right, will surely be attained. Whatever authority rests with me to this end, I shall not hesitate to put forth.

Whatever belongs to the power of Congress and the jurisdiction of the courts of the Union, they may confidently be relied upon to provide and perform. And to the legislatures, the courts, and the executive authorities of the several States I earnestly appeal to secure, by adequate, appropriate, and seasonable means, within their borders, these common and uniform rights of a united people, which loves liberty, abhors oppression, and reveres justice. These objects are very dear to my heart. I shall continue most earnestly to strive for their attainment. The cordial co-operation of all classes—of all sections of the country and of both races—is required for this purpose; and with these blessings assured, and not otherwise, we may safely hope to hand down our free

institutions of government unimpaired to the generations that will succeed us.

Among the other subjects of great and general importance to the people of this country, I cannot be mistaken, I think, in regarding as pre-eminent the policy and measures which are designed to secure the restoration of the currency to that normal and healthful condition in which, by the resumption of specie payments, our internal trade and foreign commerce may be brought into harmony with the system of exchanges which is based upon the precious metals as the intrinsic money of the world. In the public judgment that this end should be sought and compassed as speedily and securely as the resources of the people and the wisdom of their government can accomplish, there is a much greater degree of unanimity than is found to concur in the specific measures which will bring the country to this desired end or the rapidity of the steps by which it can be safely reached.

Upon a most anxious and deliberate examination which I have felt it my duty to give to the subject, I am but the more confirmed in the opinion which I expressed in accepting the nomination for the Presidency, and again upon my inauguration, that the policy of resumption should be pursued by every suitable means, and that no legislation would be wise that should disparage the importance or retard the attainment of that result. I have no disposition, and certainly no right, to question the sincerity or the intelligence of opposing opinions, and would neither conceal nor undervalue the considerable difficulties, and even occasional distresses, which may attend the progress of the nation toward this primary condition to its general and permanent prosperity. I must, however, adhere to my most earnest conviction that any wavering in purpose or unsteadiness in methods, so far from avoiding or reducing the inconvenience inseparable from the transition from an irredeemable to a redeemable paper currency, would only tend to increased and prolonged disturbance in values, and, unless retrieved, must end in serious disorder, dishonor, and disaster in the financial affairs of the government and of the people.

The mischiefs which I apprehend, and urgently deprecate, are confined to no class of the people indeed, but seem to me most certainly to threaten the industrious masses, whether their occupations are of skilled or common labor. To them, it seems to me, it is of prime importance that their labor should be compensated in money which is itself fixed in exchangeable value by being irrevocably measured by the labor necessary to its production. This permanent quality of the money of the people is sought for and can only be gained by the resumption of specie payments. The rich, the speculative, the operating, the money-dealing classes, may not always feel the mischiefs of, or may find casual profits in, a variable currency, but the misfortunes of such a currency to those who are paid salaries or wages are inevitable and remediless.

Closely connected with this general subject of the resumption of specie payments is one of subordinate, but still of grave importance; I mean the readjustment of our coinage system by the renewal of the silver dollar as an element in our specie currency, endowed by legislation with the quality of legal tender to a greater or less extent.

As there is no doubt of the power of Congress under the Constitution "to coin money and regulate the value thereof," and as this power covers the whole range of authority applicable to the metal, the rated value, and the legal-tender quality which shall be adopted for the coinage, the considerations which should induce or discourage a particular measure connected with the coinage belong clearly to the province of legislative

discretion and of public expediency. Without intruding upon this province of legislation in the least, I have yet thought the subject of such critical importance, in the actual condition of our affairs, as to present an occasion for the exercise of the duty imposed by the Constitution on the President of recommending to the consideration of Congress "such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient."

Holding the opinion, as I do, that neither the interests of the government nor of the people of the United States would be promoted by disparaging silver as one of the two precious metals which furnish the coinage of the world, and that legislation which looks to maintaining the volume of intrinsic money to as full a measure of both metals as their relative commercial values will permit would be neither unjust nor inexpedient, I must ask your indulgence to a brief and definite statement of certain essential features in any such legislative measure which I feel it my duty to recommend.

I do not propose to enter the debate, represented on both sides by such able disputants in Congress and before the people and in the press, as to the extent to which the legislation of any one nation can control this question, even within its own borders, against the unwritten laws of trade or the positive laws of other governments. The wisdom of Congress in shaping any particular law that may be presented for my approval may wholly supersede the necessity of my entering into these considerations, and I willingly avoid either vague or intricate inquiries. It is only certain plain and practical traits of such legislation that I desire to recommend to your attention.

In any legislation providing for a silver coinage, regulating its value, and imparting to it the quality of legal tender, it seems to me of great importance that Congress should not lose sight of its action as operating in a twofold capacity and in two distinct directions. If the United States Government were free from a public debt, its legislative dealing with the question of silver coinage would be purely sovereign and governmental, under no restraints but those of constitutional power and the public good as affected by the proposed legislation. But in the actual circumstances of the nation, with a vast public debt distributed very widely among our own citizens, and held in great amounts also abroad, the nature of the silver-coinage measure, as affecting this relation of the government to the holders of the public debt, becomes an element, in any proposed legislation, of the highest concern. The obligation of the public faith transcends all questions of profit or public advantage otherwise. Its unquestionable maintenance is the dictate as well of the highest expediency as of the most necessary duty, and will ever be carefully guarded by Congress and people alike.

The public debt of the United States to the amount of $729,000,000 bears interest at the rate of 6 per cent., and $708,000,000 at the rate of 5 per cent., and the only way in which the country can be relieved from the payment of these high rates of interest is by advantageously refunding the indebtedness. Whether the debt is ultimately paid in gold or in silver coin is of but little moment compared with the possible reduction of interest one-third by refunding it at such reduced rate. If the United States had the unquestioned right to pay its bonds in silver coin, the little benefit from that process would be greatly overbalanced by the injurious effect of such payment if made or proposed against the honest convictions of the public creditors.

All the bonds that have been issued since February 12, 1873, when gold became the only unlimited legal-tender metallic currency of the country, are justly payable in gold coin or in coin of equal value.

During the time of these issues, the only dollar that could be or was received by the government in exchange for bonds was the gold dollar. To require the public creditors to take in repayment any dollar of less commercial value would be regarded by them as a repudiation of the full obligation assumed. The bonds issued prior to 1873 were issued at a time when the gold dollar was the only coin in circulation or contemplated by either the government or the holders of the bonds as the coin in which they were to be paid. It is far better to pay these bonds in that coin than to seem to take advantage of the unforeseen fall in silver bullion to pay in a new issue of silver coin thus made so much less valuable. The power of the United States to coin money and to regulate the value thereof ought never to be exercised for the purpose of enabling the government to pay its obligations in a coin of less value than that contemplated by the parties when the bonds were issued. Any attempt to pay the national indebtedness in a coinage of less commercial value than the money of the world would involve a violation of the public faith and work irreparable injury to the public credit.

It was the great merit of the act of March, 1869, in strengthening the public credit, that it removed all doubt as to the purpose of the United States to pay their bonded debt in coin. That act was accepted as a pledge of public faith. The government has derived great benefit from it in the progress thus far made in refunding the public debt at low rates of interest. An adherence to the wise and just policy of an exact observance of the public faith will enable the government rapidly to reduce the burden of interest on the national debt to an amount exceeding $20,000,000 per annum, and effect an aggregate saving to the United States of more than $300,000,000 before the bonds can be fully paid.

In adapting the new silver coinage to the ordinary uses of currency in the every-day transactions of life and prescribing the quality of legal tender to be assigned to it, a consideration of the first importance should be so to adjust the ratio between the silver and the gold coinage, which now constitutes our specie currency, as to accomplish the desired end of maintaining the circulation of the two metallic currencies, and keeping up the volume of the two precious metals as our intrinsic money. It is a mixed question for scientific reasoning and historical experience to determine how far, and by what methods, a practical equilibrium can be maintained which will keep both metals in circulation in their appropriate spheres of common use.

An absolute equality of commercial value, free from disturbing fluctuations, is hardly attainable, and without it, an unlimited legal tender for private transactions assigned to both metals would irresistibly tend to drive out of circulation the dearer coinage, and disappoint the principal object proposed by the legislation in view. I apprehend, therefore, that the two conditions of a near approach to equality of commercial value between the gold and silver coinage of the same denomination and of a limitation of the amounts for which the silver coinage is to be a legal tender are essential to maintaining both in circulation. If these conditions can be successfully observed, the issue from the mint of silver dollars would afford material assistance to the community in the transition to redeemable paper money, and would facilitate the resumption of specie payment and its permanent establishment. Without these conditions, I fear that only mischief and misfortune would flow from a coinage of silver dollars with the quality of unlimited legal tender, even in private transactions.

Any expectation of temporary ease from an issue of silver coinage to

pass as a legal tender, at a rate materially above its commercial value, is, I am persuaded, a delusion. Nor can I think that there is any substantial distinction between an original issue of silver dollars at a nominal value materially above their commercial value, and the restoration of the silver dollar at a rate which once was, but has ceased to be, its commercial value. Certainly, the issue of our gold coinage, reduced in weight materially below its legal-tender value, would not be any the less a present debasement of the coinage by reason of its equaling or even exceeding in weight a gold coinage which at some past time had been commercially equal to the legal-tender value assigned to the new issue.

In recommending that the regulation of any silver coinage which may be authorized by Congress should observe these conditions of commercial value and limited legal tender, I am governed by the feeling that every possible increase should be given to the volume of metallic money which can be kept in circulation, and thereby every possible aid afforded to the people in the process of resuming specie payments. It is because of my firm conviction that a disregard of these conditions would frustrate the good results which are desired from the proposed coinage, and embarrass with new elements of confusion and uncertainty the business of the country, that I urge upon your attention these considerations.

I respectfully recommend to Congress that in any legislation providing for a silver coinage, and imparting to it the quality of legal tender, there be impressed upon the measure a firm provision exempting the public debt, heretofore issued and now outstanding, from payment, either of principal or interest, in any coinage of less commercial value than the present gold coinage of the country.

The organization of the civil service of the country has for a number of years attracted more and more of the public attention. So general has become the opinion that the methods of admission to it, and the conditions of remaining in it, are unsound, that both the great political parties have agreed in the most explicit declarations of the necessity of reform, and in the most emphatic demands for it. I have fully believed these declarations and demands to be the expression of a sincere conviction of the intelligent masses of the people upon the subject, and that they should be recognized and followed by earnest and prompt action on the part of the legislative and executive departments of the government, in pursuance of the purpose indicated.

Before my accession to office I endeavored to have my own views distinctly understood, and upon my inauguration my accord with the public opinion was stated in terms believed to be plain and unambiguous. My experience in the executive duties has strongly confirmed the belief in the great advantage the country would find in observing strictly the plan of the Constitution, which imposes upon the Executive the sole duty and responsibility of the selection of those federal officers who, by law, are appointed, not elected; and which, in like manner, assigns to the Senate the complete right to advise and consent to, or to reject, the nominations so made; whilst the House of Representatives stands as the public censor of the performance of official duties, with the prerogative of investigation and prosecution in all cases of dereliction. The blemishes and imperfections in the civil service may, as I think, be traced, in most cases, to a practical confusion of the duties assigned to the several departments of the government. My purpose, in this respect, has been to return to the system established by the fundamental law, and to do this with the heartiest co-operation and most cordial understanding with the Senate and House of Representatives.

The practical difficulties in the selection of numerous officers for posts of widely-varying responsibilities and duties, are acknowledged to be very great. No system can be expected to secure absolute freedom from mistakes, and the beginning of any attempted change of custom is quite likely to be more embarrassed in this respect than any subsequent period. It is here that the Constitution seems to me to prove its claim to the great wisdom accorded to it; it gives to the Executive the assistance of the knowledge and experience of the Senate, which, when acting upon nominations, as to which they may be disinterested and impartial judges, secures as strong a guarantee of freedom from errors of importance as is perhaps possible in human affairs.

In addition to this, I recognize the public advantage of making all nominations, as nearly as possible, impersonal, in the sense of being free from mere caprice or favor in the selection; and in those offices in which special training is of greatly increased value, I believe such a rule as to the tenure of office should obtain, as may induce men of proper qualifications to apply themselves industriously to the task of becoming proficients. Bearing these things in mind, I have endeavored to reduce the number of changes in subordinate places, usually made upon the change of the general administration; and shall most heartily co-operate with Congress in the better systematizing of such methods and rules of admission to the public service, and of promotion within it, as may promise to be most successful in making thorough competency, efficiency, and character, the decisive tests in these matters.

I ask the renewed attention of Congress to what has already been done by the Civil-Service Commission, appointed, in pursuance of an act of Congress, by my predecessor, to prepare and revise civil-service rules. In regard to much of the departmental service, especially at Washington, it may be difficult to organize a better system than that which has thus been provided, and it is now being used to a considerable extent under my direction. The commission has still a legal existence, although for several years no appropriation has been made for defraying its expenses. Believing that this commission has rendered valuable service, and will be a most useful agency in improving the administration of the civil service, I respectfully recommend that a suitable appropriation, to be immediately available, be made, to enable it to continue its labors.

It is my purpose to transmit to Congress as early as practicable a report by the chairman of the commission, and to ask your attention to such measures on this subject as, in my opinion, will further promote the improvement of the civil service.

During the past year the United States have continued to maintain peaceful relations with foreign powers.

The outbreak of war between Russia and Turkey, though at one time attended by grave apprehension as to its effect upon other European nations, has had no tendency to disturb the amicable relations existing between the United States and each of the two contending powers. An attitude of just and impartial neutrality has been preserved, and I am gratified to state that, in the midst of their hostilities, both the Russian and the Turkish Governments have shown an earnest disposition to adhere to the obligations of all treaties with the United States, and to give due regard to the rights of American citizens.

By the terms of the treaty, defining the rights, immunities, and privileges of consuls, between Italy and the United States, ratified in 1868, either government may, after the lapse of ten years, terminate the existence of the treaty by giving twelve months' notice of its intention. The Government of Italy, availing itself of this faculty, has now given the

required notice, and the treaty will, accordingly, end on the 17th of September, 1878. It is understood, however, that the Italian Government wishes to renew it, in its general scope, desiring only certain modifications in some of its articles. In this disposition I concur, and shall hope that no serious obstacles may intervene to prevent or delay the negotiation of a satisfactory treaty.

Numerous questions in regard to passports, naturalization, and exemption from military service have continued to arise in cases of emigrants from Germany who have returned to their native country. The provisions of the treaty of February 22, 1868, however, have proved to be so ample and so judicious that the legation of the United States at Berlin has been able to adjust all claims arising under it, not only without detriment to the amicable relations existing between the two governments, but it is believed without injury or injustice to any duly-naturalized American citizen. It is desirable that the treaty originally made with the North German Union in 1868 should now be extended so as to apply equally to all the states of the empire of Germany.

The invitation of the Government of France to participate in the exposition of the products of agriculture, industry, and the fine arts, to be held at Paris during the coming year, was submitted for your consideration at the extra session. It is not doubted that its acceptance by the United States, and a well-selected exhibition of the products of American industry on that occasion, will tend to stimulate international commerce and emigration, as well as to promote the traditional friendship between the two countries.

A question arose some time since as to the proper meaning of the extradition articles of the treaty of 1842 between the United States and Great Britain. Both governments, however, are now in accord in the belief that the question is not one that should be allowed to frustrate the ends of justice, or to disturb the friendship between the two nations. No serious difficulty has arisen in accomplishing the extradition of criminals when necessary. It is probable that all points of disagreement will, in due time, be settled, and, if need be, more explicit declarations be made in a new treaty.

The Fishery Commission, under Articles XVIII to XXV of the Treaty of Washington, has concluded its session at Halifax. The result of the deliberations of the commission, as made public by the commissioners, will be communicated to Congress.

A treaty for the protection of trade-marks has been negotiated with Great Britain, which has been submitted to the Senate for its consideration.

The revolution which recently occurred in Mexico was followed by the accession of the successful party to power and the installation of its chief, General Porfirio Diaz, in the Presidential office. It has been the custom of the United States, when such changes of government have heretofore occurred in Mexico, to recognize and enter into official relations with the *de facto* government as soon as it should appear to have the approval of the Mexican people, and should manifest a disposition to adhere to the obligations of treaties and international friendship. In the present case such official recognition has been deferred by the occurrences on the Rio Grande border, the records of which have been already communicated to each house of Congress, in answer to their respective resolutions of inquiry. Assurances have been received that the authorities at the seat of the Mexican Government have both the disposition and the power to prevent and punish such unlawful invasions and depredations. It is earnestly to be hoped that events may

prove these assurances to be well founded. The best interests of both countries require the maintenance of peace upon the border, and the development of commerce between the two republics.

It is gratifying to add that this temporary interruption of official relations has not prevented due attention by the representatives of the United States in Mexico to the protection of American citizens, so far as practicable. Nor has it interfered with the prompt payment of the amounts due from Mexico to the United States under the treaty of July 4, 1868, and the awards of the joint commission. While I do not anticipate an interruption of friendly relations with Mexico, yet I cannot but look with some solicitude upon a continuance of border disorders as exposing the two countries to initiations of popular feeling and mischances of action which are naturally unfavorable to complete amity. Firmly determined that nothing shall be wanting on my part to promote a good understanding between the two nations, I yet must ask the attention of Congress to the actual occurrences on the border, that the lives and property of our citizens may be adequately protected and peace preserved.

Another year has passed without bringing to a close the protracted contest between the Spanish Government and the insurrection in the island of Cuba. While the United States have sedulously abstained from any intervention in this contest, it is impossible not to feel that it is attended with incidents affecting the rights and interests of American citizens. Apart from the effect of the hostilities upon trade between the United States and Cuba, their progress is inevitably accompanied by complaints, having more or less foundation, of searches, arrests, embargoes, and oppressive taxes upon the property of American residents, and of unprovoked interference with American vessels and commerce. It is due to the Government of Spain to say that during the past year it has promptly disavowed and offered reparation for any unauthorized acts of unduly zealous subordinates whenever such acts have been brought to its attention. Nevertheless, such occurrences cannot but tend to excite feelings of annoyance, suspicion, and resentment, which are greatly to be deprecated, between the respective subjects and citizens of two friendly powers.

Much delay (consequent upon accusations of fraud in some of the awards) has occurred in respect to the distribution of the limited amounts received from Venezuela under the treaty of April 25, 1866, applicable to the awards of the joint commission created by that treaty. So long as these matters are pending in Congress the Executive cannot assume either to pass upon the questions presented, or to distribute the fund received. It is eminently desirable that definite legislative action should be taken, either affirming the awards to be final, or providing some method for re-examination of the claims. Our relations with the republics of Central and South America, and with the empire of Brazil, have continued without serious change, further than the temporary interruption of diplomatic intercourse with Venezuela and with Guatemala. Amicable relations have already been fully restored with Venezuela, and it is not doubted that all grounds of misunderstanding with Guatemala will speedily be removed. From all these countries there are favorable indications of a disposition on the part of their governments and people to reciprocate our efforts in the direction of increased commercial intercourse.

The Government of the Samoan Islands has sent an envoy, in the person of its secretary of state, to invite the Government of the United States to recognize and protect their independence, to establish com-

mercial relations with their people, and to assist them in their steps toward regulated and responsible government. The inhabitants of these islands, having made considerable progress in Christian civilization and the development of trade, are doubtful of their ability to maintain peace and independence without the aid of some stronger power. The subject is deemed worthy of respectful attention, and the claims upon our assistance by this distant community will be carefully considered.

The long commercial depression in the United States has directed attention to the subject of the possible increase of our foreign trade, and the methods for its development, not only with Europe but with other countries, and especially with the states and sovereignties of the western hemisphere. Instructions from the Department of State were issued to the various diplomatic and consular officers of the government, asking them to devote attention to the question of methods by which trade between the respective countries of their official residence and the United States could be most judiciously fostered. In obedience to these instructions, examinations and reports upon this subject have been made by many of these officers and transmitted to the department, and the same are submitted to the consideration of Congress.

The annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the state of the finances presents important questions for the action of Congress, upon some of which I have already remarked.

The revenues of the government during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1877, were $269,000,586.62. The total expenditures for the same period were $238,660,008.93, leaving a surplus revenue of $30,340,577.69. This has substantially supplied the requirements of the sinking-fund for that year. The estimated revenues of the current fiscal year are $265,500,000, and the estimated expenditures for the same period are $232,430,643.72. If these estimates prove to be correct, there will be a surplus revenue of $33,069,356.28, an amount nearly sufficient for the sinking-fund for that year. The estimated revenues for the next fiscal year are $269,250,000. It appears from the report that during the last fiscal year the revenues of the government, compared with the previous year, have largely decreased. This decrease, amounting to the sum of $18,481,452.54, was mainly in customs duties, caused partly by a large falling off of the amount of imported dutiable goods, and partly by the general fall of prices in the markets of production of such articles as pay *ad valorem* taxes.

While this is felt injuriously in the diminution of the revenue, it has been accompanied with a very large increase of exportations. The total exports during the last fiscal year, including coin, have been $658,637,457, and the imports have been $492,097,540, leaving a balance of trade in favor of the United States amounting to the sum of $166,539,917; the beneficial effects of which extend to all branches of business.

The estimated revenue for the next fiscal year will impose upon Congress the duty of strictly limiting appropriations, including the requisite sum for the maintenance of the sinking-fund, within the aggregate estimated receipts.

While the aggregate of taxes should not be increased, amendments might be made to the revenue laws that would, without diminishing the revenue, relieve the people from unnecessary burdens. A tax on tea and coffee is shown by the experience not only of our own country, but of other countries, to be easily collected, without loss by undervaluation or fraud, and largely borne in the country of production. A tax of ten cents a pound on tea and two cents a pound on coffee would produce a revenue exceeding $12,000,000, and thus enable Congress to repeal a

multitude of annoying taxes yielding a revenue not exceeding that sum. The internal-revenue system grew out of the necessities of the war, and most of the legislation imposing taxes upon domestic products, under this system, has been repealed. By the substitution of a tax on tea and coffee, all forms of internal taxation may be repealed, except that on whisky, spirits, tobacco, and beer. Attention is also called to the necessity of enacting more vigorous laws for the protection of the revenue and for the punishment of frauds and smuggling. This can best be done by judicious provisions that will induce the disclosure of attempted fraud by undervaluation and smuggling. All revenue laws should be simple in their provisions and easily understood. So far as practicable, the rates of taxation should be in the form of specific duties, and not *ad valorem*, requiring the judgment of experienced men to ascertain values, and exposing the revenue to the temptation of fraud.

My attention has been called, during the recess of Congress, to abuses existing in the collection of the customs, and strenuous efforts have been made for their correction by executive orders. The recommendations submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, by a commission appointed to examine into the collection of customs duties at the port of New York, contain many suggestions for the modification of the customs laws, to which the attention of Congress is invited.

It is matter of congratulation that, notwithstanding the severe burdens caused by the war, the public faith with all creditors has been preserved, and that, as the result of this policy, the public credit has continuously advanced, and our public securities are regarded with the highest favor in the markets of the world. I trust that no act of the government will cast a shadow upon its credit.

The progress of refunding the public debt has been rapid and satisfactory. Under the contract existing when I entered upon the discharge of the duties of my office, bonds bearing interest at the rate of 4½ per cent. were being rapidly sold; and within three months the aggregate sales of these bonds had reached the sum of $200,000,000. With my sanction, the Secretary of the Treasury entered into a new contract for the sale of 4 per cent. bonds, and within thirty days after the popular subscription for such bonds was opened, subscriptions were had amounting to $75,496,550, which were paid for within ninety days after the date of subscription. By this process, within but little more than one year, the annual interest on the public debt was reduced in the sum of $3,775,000.

I recommend that suitable provision be made to enable the people to easily convert their savings into government securities, as the best mode in which small savings may be well secured and yield a moderate interest. It is an object of public policy to retain among our own people the securities of the United States. In this way our country is guarded against their sudden return from foreign countries, caused by war or other disturbances beyond our limits.

The commerce of the United States with foreign nations, and especially the export of domestic productions, has of late years largely increased; but the greater portion of this trade is conducted in foreign vessels. The importance of enlarging our foreign trade, and especially by direct and speedy interchange with countries on this continent, cannot be overestimated; and it is a matter of great moment that our own shipping interest should receive, to the utmost practical extent, the benefit of our commerce with other lands. These considerations are forcibly urged by all the large commercial cities of the country, and public attention is generally and wisely attracted to the solution of the

problems they present. It is not doubted that Congress will take them up in the broadest spirit of liberality, and respond to the public demand by practical legislation upon this important subject.

The report of the Secretary of War shows that the Army has been actively employed during the year, and has rendered very important service in suppressing hostilities in the Indian country, and in preserving peace and protecting life and property in the interior as well as along the Mexican border. A long and arduous campaign has been prosecuted, with final complete success, against a portion of the Nez Percés tribe of Indians. A full account of this campaign will be found in the report of the General of the Army. It will be seen that in its course several severe battles were fought, in which a number of gallant officers and men lost their lives. I join with the Secretary of War and the General of the Army in awarding to the officers and men employed in the long and toilsome pursuit and in the final capture of these Indians the honor and praise which are so justly their due.

The very serious riots which occurred in several of the States in July last rendered necessary the employment of a considerable portion of the Army to preserve the peace and maintain order. In the States of West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Illinois these disturbances were so formidable as to defy the local and State authorities, and the National Executive was called upon, in the mode provided by the Constitution and laws, to furnish military aid. I am gratified to be able to state that the troops sent in response to these calls for aid in the suppression of domestic violence were able, by the influence of their presence in the disturbed regions, to preserve the peace and restore order without the use of force. In the discharge of this delicate and important duty, both officers and men acted with great prudence and courage, and for their services deserve the thanks of the country.

Disturbances along the Rio Grande, in Texas, to which I have already referred, have rendered necessary the constant employment of a military force in that vicinity. A full report of all recent military operations in that quarter has been transmitted to the House of Representatives in answer to a resolution of that body, and it will, therefore, not be necessary to enter into details. I regret to say that these lawless incursions into our territory by armed bands from the Mexican side of the line, for the purpose of robbery, have been of frequent occurrence, and in spite of the most vigilant efforts of the commander of our forces the marauders have generally succeeded in escaping into Mexico with their plunder. In May last I gave orders for the exercise of the utmost vigilance on the part of our troops for the suppression of these raids and the punishment of the guilty parties, as well as the recapture of property stolen by them. General Ord, commanding in Texas, was directed to invite the co-operation of the Mexican authorities in efforts to this end, and to assure them that I was anxious to avoid giving the least offense to Mexico. At the same time, he was directed to give notice of my determination to put an end to the invasion of our territory by lawless bands, intent upon the plunder of our peaceful citizens, even if the effectual punishment of the outlaws should make the crossing of the border by our troops in their pursuit necessary. It is believed that this policy has had the effect to check somewhat these depredations, and that with a considerable increase of our force upon that frontier, and the establishment of several additional military posts along the Rio Grande, so as more effectually to guard that extensive border, peace may be preserved and the lives and property of our citizens in Texas fully protected.

Prior to the 1st day of July last the Army was, in accordance with

law, reduced to the maximum of 25,000 enlisted men, being a reduction of 2,500 below the force previously authorized. This reduction was made, as required by law, entirely from the infantry and artillery branches of the service, without any reduction of the cavalry. Under the law, as it now stands, it is necessary that the cavalry regiments be recruited to one hundred men in each company for service on the Mexican and Indian frontiers. The necessary effect of this legislation is to reduce the infantry and artillery arms of the service below the number required for efficiency, and I concur with the Secretary of War in recommending that authority be given to recruit all companies of infantry to at least fifty men and all batteries of artillery to at least seventy-five men, with the power, in case of emergency, to increase the former to one hundred and the latter to one hundred and twenty-two men each.

I invite your special attention to the following recommendations of the Secretary of War:

First. That provision be made for supplying to the Army a more abundant and better supply of reading-matter.

Second. That early action be taken by Congress looking to a complete revision and republication of the Army Regulations.

Third. That section 1258 of the Revised Statutes, limiting the number of officers on the retired-list, be repealed.

Fourth. That the claims arising under the act of July 4, 1864, for supplies taken by the Army during the war, be taken from the offices of the Quartermaster and Commissary Generals and transferred to the Southern Claims Commission, or some other tribunal having more time and better facilities for their prompt investigation and decision than are possessed by these officers.

Fifth. That Congress provide for an annuity-fund for the families of deceased soldiers, as recommended by the Paymaster-General of the Army.

The report of the Secretary of the Navy shows that we have six squadrons now engaged in the protection of our foreign commerce and other duties pertaining to the naval service. The condition and operations of the department are also shown. The total expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1877, were $16,077,974.54. There are unpaid claims against the department chargeable to the last year, which are presented to the consideration of Congress by the report of the Secretary. The estimates for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1878, are $16,233,234.40, exclusive of the sum of $2,314,231 submitted for new buildings, repairs, and improvements at the several navy-yards. The appropriations for the present fiscal year, commencing July 1, 1877, are $13,592,932.90. The amount drawn from the Treasury from July 1 to November 1, 1877, is $5,343,037.40, of which there is estimated to be yet available $1,029,528.30, showing the amount of actual expenditure during the first four months of the present fiscal year to have been $4,313,509.10.

The report of the Postmaster-General contains a full and clear statement of the operations and condition of the Post-Office Department. The ordinary revenues of the department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1877, including receipts from the money-order business and from official stamps and stamped envelopes, amounted to the sum of $27,531,585.26. The additional sum of $7,013,000 was realized from appropriations from the general Treasury for various purposes, making the receipts from all sources $34,544,885.26. The total expenditures during the fiscal year amounted to $33,486,322.44, leaving an excess of total receipts over total expenditures of $1,058,562.82, and an excess of total expenditures over ordinary receipts of $5,954,737.18. Deducting

from the total receipts the sum of $63,261.84 received from international money-orders of the preceding fiscal year, and deducting from the total expenditures the sum of $1,163,818.20 paid on liabilities incurred in previous fiscal years, the expenditures and receipts appertaining to the business of the last fiscal year were as follows:

Expenditures	$32,322,504 24
Receipts (ordinary, from money-order business and from official postage-stamps)	27,468,323 42
Excess of expenditures	4,854,180 82

The ordinary revenues of the Post-Office Department for the year ending June 30, 1879, are estimated at an increase of three per cent. over those of 1877, making $29,034,098.28, and the expenditures for the same year are estimated at $36,427,771, leaving an estimated deficiency for the year 1879 of $7,393,672.72. The additional legislation recommended by the Postmaster-General for improvements of the mail service, and to protect the postal revenues from the abuses practiced under existing laws, is respectfully commended to the careful consideration of Congress.

The report of the Attorney-General contains several suggestions as to the administration of justice, to which I invite your attention. The pressure of business in the Supreme Court and in certain circuit courts of the United States is now such, that serious delays, to the great injury, and even oppression, of suitors occur, and a remedy should be sought for this condition of affairs. Whether it will be found in the plan briefly sketched in the report, of increasing the number of judges of the circuit courts, and by means of this addition to the judicial force of creating an intermediate court of errors and appeals, or whether some other mode can be devised for obviating the difficulties which now exist, I leave to your mature consideration.

The present condition of the Indian tribes on the territory of the United States and our relations with them are fully set forth in the reports of the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. After a series of most deplorable conflicts—the successful termination of which, while reflecting honor upon the brave soldiers who accomplished it, cannot lessen our regret at their occurrence—we are now at peace with all the Indian tribes within our borders. To preserve that peace by a just and humane policy will be the object of my earnest endeavors. Whatever may be said of their character and savage propensities, of the difficulties of introducing among them the habits of civilized life, and of the obstacles they have offered to the progress of settlement and enterprise in certain parts of the country, the Indians are certainly entitled to our sympathy and to a conscientious respect, on our part, for their claims upon our sense of justice. They were the aboriginal occupants of the land we now possess. They have been driven from place to place; the purchase-money paid to them in some cases, for what they called their own, has still left them poor; in many instances, when they had settled down upon land assigned to them by compact and began to support themselves by their own labor, they were rudely jostled off and thrust into the wilderness again. Many, if not most, of our Indian wars have had their origin in broken promises and acts of injustice upon our part; and the advance of the Indians in civilization has been slow, because the treatment they received did not permit it to be faster and more general. We cannot expect them to improve and to

follow our guidance unless we keep faith with them in respecting the rights they possess, and unless, instead of depriving them of their opportunities, we lend them a helping-hand.

I cordially approve the policy regarding the management of Indian affairs outlined in the reports of the Secretary of the Interior and of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. The faithful performance of our promises is the first condition of a good understanding with the Indians. I cannot too urgently recommend to Congress that prompt and liberal provision be made for the conscientious fulfillment of all engagements entered into by the government with the Indian tribes. To withhold the means necessary for the performance of a promise is always false economy, and is apt to prove disastrous in its consequences. Especial care is recommended to provide for Indians settled on their reservations, cattle and agricultural implements, to aid them in whatever efforts they may make to support themselves, and by the establishment and maintenance of schools to bring them under the control of civilized influences. I see no reason why Indians who can give satisfactory proof of having by their own labor supported their families for a number of years, and who are willing to detach themselves from their tribal relations, should not be admitted to the benefit of the homestead act and the privileges of citizenship, and I recommend the passage of a law to that effect. It will be an act of justice as well as a measure of encouragement. Earnest efforts are being made to purify the Indian service, so that every dollar appropriated by Congress shall redound to the benefit of the Indians, as intended. Those efforts will have my firm support. With an improved service, and every possible encouragement held out to the Indians to better their condition and to elevate themselves in the scale of civilization, we may hope to accomplish at the same time a good work for them and for ourselves.

I invite the attention of Congress to the importance of the statements and suggestions made by the Secretary of the Interior concerning the depredations committed on the timber-lands of the United States and the necessity for the preservation of forests. It is believed that the measures taken in pursuance of existing laws to arrest those depredations will be entirely successful if Congress by an appropriation for that purpose renders their continued enforcement possible. The experience of other nations teaches us that a country cannot be stripped of its forests with impunity, and we shall expose ourselves to the gravest consequences unless the wasteful and improvident manner in which the forests in the United States are destroyed be effectually checked. I earnestly recommend that the measures suggested by the Secretary of the Interior for the suppression of depredations on the public timber-lands of the United States, for the selling of timber from the public lands, and for the preservation of forests, be embodied in a law; and that, considering the urgent necessity of enabling the people of certain States and Territories to purchase timber from the public lands in a legal manner, which at present they cannot do, such a law be passed without unavoidable delay. I would also call the attention of Congress to the statements made by the Secretary of the Interior concerning the disposition that might be made of the desert lands, not irrigable, west of the 100th meridian. These lands are practically unsalable under existing laws, and the suggestion is worthy of consideration that a system of leasehold tenure would make them a source of profit to the United States, while at the same time legalizing the business of cattle-raising, which is at present carried on upon them.

The report of the Commissioner of Agriculture contains the gratifying announcement of the extraordinary success which has rewarded the agricultural industry of the country for the past year. With the fair prices which obtain for the products of the soil, especially for the surplus which our people have to export, we may confidently turn to this as the most important of all our resources for the revival of the depressed industries of the country. The report shows our agricultural progress during the year, and contains a statement of the work done by this department for the advancement of agricultural industry, upon which the prosperity of our people so largely depends. Matters of information are included of great interest to all who seek, by the experience of others, to improve their own methods of cultivation. The efforts of the department to increase the production of important articles of consumption will, it is hoped, improve the demand for labor and advance the business of the country, and eventually result in saving some of the many millions that are now annually paid to foreign nations for sugar and other staple products which habitual use has made necessary in our domestic every-day life.

The Board on behalf of the United States Executive Departments at the International Exhibition of 1876 has concluded its labors. The final report of the board was transmitted to Congress by the President near the close of the last session. As these papers are understood to contain interesting and valuable information, and will constitute the only report emanating from the government on the subject of the exhibition, I invite attention to the matter, and recommend that the report be published for general information.

Congress is empowered by the Constitution with the authority of exclusive legislation over the District of Columbia, in which the seat of government of the nation is located. The interests of the District, having no direct representation in Congress, are entitled to especial consideration and care at the hands of the general government. The capital of the United States belongs to the nation, and it is natural that the American people should take pride in the seat of their national government, and desire it to be an ornament to the country. Much has been done to render it healthful, convenient, and attractive, but much remains to be done, which its permanent inhabitants are not able and ought not to be expected to do. To impose upon them a large proportion of the cost required for public improvements, which are in a great measure planned and executed for the convenience of the government and of the many thousands of visitors from all parts of the country who temporarily reside at the capital of the nation, is an evident injustice. Special attention is asked by the Commissioners of the District in their report, which is herewith transmitted, to the importance of a permanent adjustment by Congress of the financial relations between the United States and the District, involving the regular annual contribution by the United States of its just proportion of the expenses of the District government and of the outlay for all needed public improvements, and such measure of relief from the burden of taxation now resting upon the people of the District as in the wisdom of Congress may be deemed just.

The report of the Commissioners shows that the affairs of the District are in a condition as satisfactory as could be expected in view of the heavy burden of debt resting upon it, and its very limited means for necessary expenses.

The debt of the District is as follows:

Old funded debt	$8,379,691 96
3.65 bonds, guaranteed by the United States	13,743,250 00
Total bonded debt	22,122,941 96
To which should be added certain outstanding claims, as explained in the report of the Commissioners	1,187,204 52
Making the total debt of the District	23,310,146 48

The Commissioners also ask attention to the importance of the improvement of the Potomac River and the reclamation of the marshes bordering the city of Washington, and their views upon this subject are concurred in by the members of the board of health, whose report is also herewith transmitted. Both the commercial and sanitary interests of the District will be greatly promoted, I doubt not, by this improvement.

Your attention is invited to the suggestion of the Commissioners and of the board of health for the organization of a board of charities, to have supervision and control of the disbursement of all moneys for charitable purposes from the District treasury. I desire also to ask your especial attention to the need of adding to the efficiency of the public schools of the District by supplemental aid from the national Treasury. This is especially just, since so large a number of those attending these schools are children of employés of the government. I earnestly commend to your care the interests of the people of the District, who are so intimately associated with the government establishments, and to whose enterprise the good order and attractiveness of the capital are largely due; and I ask your attention to the request of the Commissioners for legislation in behalf of the interests intrusted to their care. The appropriations asked, for the care of the reservations belonging to the government within the city, by the Commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds, are also commended to your favorable consideration.

The report of the joint commission created by the act approved August 2, 1876, entitled "An act providing for the completion of the Washington Monument," is also herewith transmitted, with accompanying documents. The board of engineer officers detailed to examine the monument, in compliance with the second section of the act, have reported that the foundation is insufficient. No authority exists for making the expenditure necessary to secure its stability. I therefore recommend that the commission be authorized to expend such portion of the sum appropriated by the act as may be necessary for the purpose. The present unfinished condition of the monument, begun so long ago, is a reproach to the nation. It cannot be doubted that the patriotic sense of the country will warmly respond to such prompt provision as may be made for its completion at an early day, and I urge upon Congress the propriety and necessity of immediate legislation for this purpose.

The wisdom of legislation upon the part of Congress in aid of the States, for the education of the whole people in those branches of study which are taught in the common schools of the country, is no longer a question. The intelligent judgment of the country goes still further, regarding it as also both constitutional and expedient for the general government to extend to technical and higher education such aid as is deemed essential to the general welfare and to our due prominence

among the enlightened and cultured nations of the world. The ultimate settlement of all questions of the future, whether of administration or finance, or of true nationality of sentiment, depends upon the virtue and intelligence of the people. It is vain to hope for the success of a free government without the means of insuring the intelligence of those who are the source of power. No less than one-seventh of the entire voting population of our country are yet unable to read and write.

It is encouraging to observe, in connection with the growth of fraternal feeling in those States in which slavery formerly existed, evidences of increasing interest in universal education, and I shall be glad to give my approval to any appropriate measures which may be enacted by Congress for the purpose of supplementing with national aid the local systems of education in those States and in all the States; and, having already invited your attention to the needs of the District of Columbia with respect to its public-school system, I here add that I believe it desirable, not so much with reference to the local wants of the District, but to the great and lasting benefit of the entire country, that this system should be crowned with a university in all respects in keeping with the national capital, and thereby realize the cherished hopes of Washington on this subject.

I also earnestly commend the request of the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution that an adequate appropriation be made for the establishment and conduct of a national museum under their supervision.

The question of providing for the preservation and growth of the Library of Congress is also one of national importance. As the depository of all copyright publications and records, this library has outgrown the provisions for its accommodation; and the erection, on such site as the judgment of Congress may approve, of a fire-proof library building, to preserve the treasures and enlarge the usefulness of this valuable collection, is recommended. I recommend, also, such legislation as will render available and efficient for the purposes of instruction, so far as is consistent with the public service, the cabinets or museums of invention, of surgery, of education, and of agriculture, and other collections, the property of the national government.

The capital of the nation should be something more than a mere political center. We should avail ourselves of all the opportunities which Providence has here placed at our command to promote the general intelligence of the people and increase the conditions most favorable to the success and perpetuity of our institutions.

R. B. HAYES.

DECEMBER 3, 1877.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That three thousand copies of the President's message, with the reports of the departments proper and without the accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Printing, when appointed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the annual report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the state of the finances.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the report of the Clerk of the Court of Claims, communicating, in obedience to law, a statement

of judgments rendered by said court for the year ending December 3, 1877.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the annual report of the Attorney-General for the year 1877.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the annual report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for 1877.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Conkling, at 1 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned until Thursday next, at 12 o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1877.

Mr. James G. Blaine and Mr. Hannibal Hamlin, from the State of Maine, Mr. L. Q. C. Lamar, from the State of Mississippi, Mr John R. McPherson and Mr. Theodore F. Randolph, from the State of New Jersey, and Mr. Preston B. Plumb, from the State of Kansas,-attended.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Ordered, That the Senate now proceed to the appointment of the standing and other committees of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Anthony, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That so much of the forty-sixth rule of the Senate as requires the appointment of the standing and other committees to be made by ballot be suspended.

Mr. Anthony then submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the following be the standing committees of the Senate during the present session:

On Privileges and Elections.—Mr. Wadleigh, chairman; Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Cameron of Wisconsin, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Hoar, Mr. Ingalls, Mr. Saulsbury, Mr. Merrimon, and Mr. Hill.

On Foreign Relations.—Mr. Hamlin, chairman; Mr. Howe, Mr. Conkling, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. McCreery, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Wallace.

On Finance.—Mr. Morrill, chairman; Mr. Dawes, Mr. Ferry, Mr. Jones of Nevada, Mr. Allison, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Kernan, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Voorhees.

On Appropriations.—Mr. Windom, chairman; Mr. Sargent, Mr. Allison, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Blaine, Mr. Davis of West Virginia, Mr. Withers, Mr. Eaton, and Mr. Beck.

On Commerce.—Mr. Conkling, chairman; Mr. Spencer, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Jones of Nevada, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Ransom, and Mr. Randolph.

On Manufactures.—Mr. Rollins, chairman; Mr. Burnside, Mr. Cameron of Pennsylvania, Mr. Johnston, and Mr. McPherson.

On Agriculture.—Mr. Paddock, chairman; Mr. Sharon, Mr. Hoar, Mr. Davis of West Virginia, and Mr. Gordon.

On Military Affairs.—Mr. Spencer, chairman; Mr. Burnside, Mr. Wadleigh, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Cameron of Pennsylvania, Mr. Randolph, Mr. Cockrell, Mr. Maxey, and Mr. Butler.

On Naval Affairs.—Mr. Sargent, chairman; Mr. Anthony, Mr. Conover, Mr. Blaine, Mr. Whyte, Mr. McPherson, and Mr. Jones of Florida.

On the Judiciary.—Mr. Edmunds, chairman; Mr. Conkling, Mr. Howe, Mr. Christiancy, Mr. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Thurman, and Mr. McDonald.

On Post-Offices and Post-Roads.—Mr. Ferry, chairman; Mr. Hamlin,

Mr. Paddock, Mr. Conover, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Burnside, Mr. Saulsbury, Mr. Maxey, and Mr. Bailey.

On Public Lands.—Mr. Oglesby, chairman; Mr. Paddock, Mr. Booth, Mr. Chaffee, Mr. Plumb, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Jones of Florida, Mr. Grover, and Mr. Garland.

On Private Land-Claims.—Mr. Thurman, chairman; Mr. Bayard, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Christiancy, and Mr. Grover.

On Indian Affairs.—Mr. Allison, chairman; Mr. Oglesby, Mr. Ingalls, Mr. Saunders, Mr. McCreery, Mr. Coke, and Mr. McDonald.

On Pensions.—Mr. Ingalls, chairman; Mr. Bruce, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Kellogg, Mr. Withers, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Voorhees.

On Revolutionary Claims.—Mr. Johnston, chairman; Mr. Jones of Florida, Mr. Hill, Mr. Dawes, and Mr. McMillan.

On Claims.—Mr. McMillan, chairman; Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Cameron of Wisconsin, Mr. Teller, Mr. Hoar, Mr. Cockrell, Mr. Hereford, Mr. Harris, and Mr. Morgan.

On the District of Columbia.—Mr. Dorsey, chairman; Mr. Spencer, Mr. Ingalls, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Merrimon, Mr. Barnum, and Mr. Harris.

On Patents.—Mr. Booth, chairman; Mr. Wadleigh, Mr. Hoar, Mr. Kernan, and Mr. Morgan.

On Public Buildings and Grounds.—Mr. Dawes, chairman; Mr. Morrill, Mr. Cameron of Pennsylvania, Mr. Saulsbury, and Mr. Jones of Florida.

On Territories.—Mr. Patterson, chairman; Mr. Chaffee, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Kellogg, Mr. Garland, Mr. Grover, and Mr. Hereford.

On Railroads.—Mr. Mitchell, chairman; Mr. Dawes, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Teller, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Windom, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Ransom, Mr. Barnum, Mr. Lamar, and Mr. Armstrong.

On Mines and Mining.—Mr. Sharon, chairman; Mr. Chaffee, Mr. Booth, Mr. Plumb, Mr. Hereford, Mr. Coke, and Mr. Hill.

On Revision of the Laws.—Mr. Christiancy, chairman; Mr. Matthews, Mr. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Kernan.

On Education and Labor.—Mr. Burnside, chairman; Mr. Patterson, Mr. Morrill, Mr. Bruce, Mr. Sharon, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Maxey, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Lamar.

On Civil Service and Retrenchment.—Mr. Teller, chairman; Mr. Oglesby, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Booth, Mr. McCreery, Mr. Whyte, and Mr. Beck.

To Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate.—Mr. Jones of Nevada, chairman; Mr. Rollins, and Mr. Dennis.

On Printing.—Mr. Anthony, chairman; Mr. Sargent, and Mr. Whyte.

On the Library.—Mr. Howe, chairman; Mr. Edmunds, and Mr. Ransom.

On Rules.—Mr. Blaine, chairman; Mr. Ferry, and Mr. Merrimon.

On Engrossed Bills.—Mr. Bayard, chairman; Mr. Withers, and Mr. Anthony.

On Enrolled Bills.—Mr. Conover, chairman; Mr. Paddock, and Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the following select committees be appointed for the present session, viz:

On the Levees of the Mississippi River.—Mr. Bruce, chairman; Mr. Blaine, Mr. Kellogg, Mr. Cockrell, and Mr. Harris.

On Transportation-Routes to the Seaboard.—Mr. Cameron of Wisconsin, chairman; Mr. Windom, Mr. Conover, Mr. Cameron of Pennsylvania, Mr. Davis of West Virginia, Mr. Lamar, Mr. Beck, and Mr. Butler.

To Examine the Several Branches of the Civil Service.—Mr. Chaffee, chairman; Mr. Windom, Mr. Hamlin, Mr. Merrimon, and Mr. Eaton.

To take into consideration the state of the law respecting the ascertaining and declaration of the result of the elections of President and Vice-President of the United States.—Mr. Edmunds, chairman; Mr. Conkling, Mr. Howe, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Teller, Mr. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Thurman, and Mr. Morgan.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting a communication from First Lieutenant John C. White, representing the injustice that will result to him if the bill for the restoration of John A. Darling, late captain Second Artillery, become a law; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting, in obedience to law, copies of accounts rendered to and settled with the First Comptroller, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1877; also a copy of the annual report to the Secretary of the Treasury; which were referred to the Committee on Printing.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting copies of accounts rendered to and adjusted with the Sixth Auditor of the Treasury, for the fiscal years ended June 30, 1876 and 1877; which was referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Anthony presented a memorial of national banks and other banking institutions of Providence, Rhode Island, remonstrating against the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Ferry presented a petition of citizens of Michigan, praying the passage of the bill for the coining of the standard silver dollar and restoring its legal-tender character.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dawes presented a memorial of national banks of Boston, Massachusetts, praying that measures may be instituted looking to an international monetary convention, for the purpose of establishing the relative value of gold and silver throughout the commercial world; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented the petition of Eben N. Horsford, praying an extension of his patent of a pulverulent phosphoric acid; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Mitchell presented a memorial of the legislative assembly of Washington Territory, in favor of the passage of a law for the setting apart of the Colville Valley as an Indian territory, and for the removal of all the Indians east of the Cascade Mountains thereto; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Windom presented papers in relation to the claim of Frederick W. Ruggles for relief from loss by the wrongful seizure of the British schooner Argonaut by the steamship Susquehanna, in September, 1861; which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Withers presented the petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Wirt Goldsborough, widow of the late Rear-Admiral L. M. Goldsborough, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying an appropriation for the encouragement of rifle-practice in the militia forces of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Oglesby presented a memorial of the Board of Trade of Chicago, Illinois, praying an appropriation sufficient to insure a proper representa-

tion of American interests at the Paris Exposition in 1878; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Christiancy presented a petition of citizens of Michigan, praying an investigation into the reissue of a patent upon a new specification issued to one Cochrane, upon the surrender of a former patent, for an improvement in bolting flour; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

On motion by Mr. Merrimon,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Eliza Shelton, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Merrimon,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Delilah Kelly, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Mitchell,

Ordered, That the papers of William C. Edmonston, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Dorsey presented a letter of William Tindall, secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, inclosing draught of a bill to amend section five of the act of March 3, 1877, for the support of the District of Columbia, which authorizes proceedings by the District to enforce its liens against property purchased by it at tax-sales; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

Ordered, That the papers of William L. Hickam, on the files of the Senate. be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Coke,

Ordered, That Mrs. Ella P. Murphy have leave to withdraw her petition from the files of the Senate.

Mr. Dawes presented a memorial of Langdon C. Easton, colonel and assistant quartermaster-general, and others, praying the passage of a law authorizing their promotion in the Quartermaster-General's Department, United States Army; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Kirkwood,

Ordered, That the memorial of the governor of Iowa and others, in behalf of Maria L. Hammer, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Christiancy,

Ordered, That the papers in the case of James Withrell, Rosa Wilins, and others, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 5. An act prescribing an oath of office.

H. R. 318. An act to repeal sections forty-nine hundred and twenty-four, forty-nine hundred and twenty-five, forty-nine hundred and twenty-six, forty-nine hundred and twenty-seven, and forty-nine hundred and twenty eight, of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

H. R. 1887. An act to extend the provisions of section thirty-two hundred and ninety-seven of the Revised Statutes to other institutions of learning.

H. R. 1890. An act to repeal section eight hundred and twenty of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

H. R. 56. Joint resolution relative to reservoirs to promote the navigation of the Mississippi River.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (H. R. 1279), I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 1279) authorizing binding of documents for members of Congress.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 1279) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bills and joint resolution last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 5 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that the bill H. R. 318 be referred to the Committee on Patents; that the bill H. R. 1887 be referred to the Committee on Education and Labor; that the bill H. R. 1890 be referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Laws; and that the joint resolution H. R. 56 be referred to the Select Committee on the Levees of the Mississippi River.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 369) for the relief of George A. Schreiner; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Conkling: A bill (S. 370) to incorporate the Citizens' Gas Light Company of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Conkling: A bill (S. 371) to authorize the extension of the patent of E. N. Horsford; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Paddock: A bill (S. 372) granting a pension to Adelia K. Clark; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Paddock: A bill (S. 373) to amend an act to provide for the sale of a portion of the reservation of the Confederated Ottoe and Missouria, and the Sac and Fox of the Missouri tribes of Indians, in the States of Kansas and Nebraska; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A bill (374) to pension all soldiers of the Black Hawk Indian war; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 375) for the protection of widows, orphans, and heirs at law of officers of the Army of the United States; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 376) to provide for ascertaining and settling private land-claims in certain States and Territories; to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 377) to authorize the restoration of Stephen O'Connor to the rank of first lieutenant in the Army; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Cockrell: A bill (S. 378) for the relief of William L. Hickam, of Missouri; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Wallace: A bill (S. 379) for the relief of William Wheeler Hubbell; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Thurman: A bill (S. 380) to provide for circuit and district courts of the United States at Toledo, Ohio; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 381) to amend the fifth section of an act for the support of the government of the District of Columbia for the

fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, approved March 3, 1877; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 382) to organize the Territory of Tishmingo, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Territories.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 383) to establish a certain post-route in the State of Oregon,

And a bill (S. 384) for the establishment of a certain mail-route in the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Booth: A bill (S. 385) for the relief of settlers on the public lands; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Matthews: A bill (S. 386) to extend the time for presenting claims for collecting, drilling, or organizing volunteers for the war of the rebellion; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Dawes: A bill (S. 387) to correct the date of commission of certain officers of the Quartermaster's Department; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Burnside submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested, if deemed not incompatible with the public interest, to transmit to the Senate the correspondence of the minister of the United States at Paris with the department in relation to the Franco-German war, together with the correspondence of the said minister with the Count de Bismarck; Mr. Von Thile, the Prussian minister of foreign affairs; Mr. Bancroft, the United States minister at Berlin; and Mr. Motley, the United States minister at London.

Mr. Matthews submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Whereas, by the act entitled "An act to strengthen the public credit," approved March 18, 1869, it was provided and declared that the faith of the United States was thereby solemnly pledged to the payment in coin or its equivalent of all the interest-bearing obligations of the United States, except in cases where the law authorizing the issue of such obligations had expressly provided that the same might be paid in lawful money or other currency than gold and silver; and

Whereas all the bonds of the United States authorized to be issued by the act entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt," approved July 14, 1870, by the terms of said act, were declared to be redeemable in coin of the then present standard value, bearing interest payable semi-annually in such coin; and

Whereas all bonds of the United States authorized to be issued under the act entitled "An act to provide for the resumption of specie payments," approved January 14, 1875, are required to be of the description of bonds of the United States described in the said act of Congress approved July 14, 1870, entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt;" and

Whereas, at the date of the passage of said act of Congress last aforesaid, to wit, the 14th day of July, 1870, the coin of the United States of standard value of that date included silver dollars of the weight of 412½ grains each, as declared by the act approved January 18, 1837, entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act establishing a mint and regulating the coins of the United States,'" to be a legal tender of payment, according to their nominal value, for any sums whatever: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring therein), That all the bonds of the United States issued or authorized to

be issued under the said acts of Congress hereinbefore recited are payable, principal and interest, at the option of the Government of the United States, in silver dollars, of the coinage of the United States, containing 412½ grains each of standard silver; and that to restore to its coinage such silver coins as a legal tender in payment of said bonds, principal and interest, is not in violation of the public faith nor in derogation of the rights of the public creditor.

Mr. Howe submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds be instructed to inquire and report what further provision can be made in the Capitol for the use of the committees of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Allison that the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character, be made the special order for Tuesday next at one o'clock;

On motion by Mr. Morrill to amend the motion by striking out "Tuesday" and inserting January 11,

After debate,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 18 / Nays 40

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Blaine, Burnside, Christiancy, Dawes, Eaton, Hamlin, Hill, Kellogg, Lamar, McPherson, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh, Whyte.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dorsey, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Harris, Hereford, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Ransom, Saunders, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to the motion submitted by Mr. Allison,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 41 / Nays 18

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dorsey, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Harris, Hereford, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Ransom, Saunders, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Blaine, Burnside, Christiancy, Dawes, Eaton, Hamlin, Hill, Lamar, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh, Whyte.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill be made the special order for Tuesday next at one o'clock, two-thirds of the Senators present agreeing thereto.

On motion by Mr. Chaffee,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by him November 8, 1877, calling for certain information relative to the Pacific Railroads; and, having been modified by Mr. Chaffee,

After debate,

The resolution as modified was agreed to, as follows:

Whereas Congress did provide in the act of July 1, 1862, being an act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes;" and also by the subsequent acts of July 2, 1864, March 3, 1869, and June 20, 1874, amendatory thereof, that "said railroad and branches should be operated and used for all purposes of communication, travel, and transportation, so far as the public and government are concerned, as one connected, continuous line, without any discrimination of any kind in favor of the business of any or either of said companies, or adverse to the road or business of any or either of the others;" and upon such basis and contract with the said railroad company and its branches did grant to the Union Pacific Railroad Company and branch companies large subsidies in bonds and lands of the United States, all for the purpose of aiding in the construction of said roads, to be operated as aforesaid; and

Whereas it is alleged the said Union Pacific Railroad Company and its branch companies, being, as is alleged, the Kansas Pacific Company, the Denver Pacific Company, the Central Pacific of California, the Burlington and Missouri River Company, and the Sioux City Branch, have heretofore neglected and still do neglect and refuse to operate their roads in accordance with said acts of Congress, but have heretofore operated and still do operate them in open violation of the same; and

Whereas it is alleged by reason of said defaults, and on account of the same, the Government of the United States and the public have been and still are being damaged and deprived of their just and lawful rights and privileges, as stipulated, defined, and agreed upon in said acts aforesaid: Therefore,

Be it resolved, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to inform the Senate what legal impediments, if any, exist which prevent him from executing said laws in accordance with the obligations accepted and agreements made by said Union Pacific Railroad Company and branches with the United States, as stipulated and agreed upon in the several acts aforesaid.

On motion by Mr. Oglesby,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Howe, at 5 o'clock and 4 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1877.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, communicating, in obedience to law, a statement of the expenditures and operations of the Springfield Armory for the year ended June 30, 1877.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the fifteenth annual report

of the Comptroller of the Currency, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1877.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Morgan presented a petition of citizens of Alabama, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of Mobile Bay; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Ferry presented a memorial of William A. Burt, praying compensation for the use, by the United States, of a solar compass invented by him; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Ferry presented a petition of citizens of Michigan, praying the passage of the bill for the coinage of the standard silver dollar, and restoring its legal-tender character.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of insurance companies, merchants, and others, of New York, praying the re-establishment of a legation of the United States at Bogota, in the United States of Colombia, and the appointment of a representative thereat; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Conkling presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the appointment of a commission to confer with other nations with a view to the construction of a railroad across the continent of Africa; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Beck presented the petition of Mrs. Annie Horine, of Kentucky, praying compensation for property alleged to have been taken and appropriated by the United States authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Cockrell presented a petition of citizens of Missouri, praying to be allowed pensions; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Beck presented additional papers in relation to the claim of John E. Woodward to have refunded to him certain moneys, the proceeds of the sales of certain tobacco alleged to have been seized by the United States forces at Paducah, Kentucky; which, with the petition and papers on the files of the Senate, were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the establishment of a post-route from Alleman's to Clearfield, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the repeal of the so-called resumption act, and for the remonetization of silver; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Morgan presented a copy of the report of Captain A. N. Damrell, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, in relation to the work of improvement in Mobile Bay, Alabama, and recommending an appropriation for the continuation thereof; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Conover presented the petition of Passed Assistant Engineer Absalom Kirby, United States Navy, praying to be allowed the pay of his present grade from October 11, 1866, to the date of his commission as a passed assistant engineer; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of L. C. Wood, of Watertown, New York, recommending the passage of a law to further the administration of justice, and to relieve the circuit and supreme courts of the great press of business now before them; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Burnside presented a memorial of Major J. W. T. Gardiner, United

States Army, retired, for himself and on behalf of certain other retired officers of the Army, praying to be allowed the pay and allowances of their rank from December 3, 1861, to July 17, 1863, while in the performance of active duty; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Withers,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of William N. Berkeley, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Morgan,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Sidney M. Torbert, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Angeline Logan, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Morgan,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Colonel James T. Shelley, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Cockrell presented a paper in relation to the claim of John Taylor, for compensation for property taken and destroyed by the United States forces during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1746) for the relief of the sufferers by the wreck of the United States steamer Huron, and for other purposes, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and the reported amendment having been modified by Mr. Sargent, was agreed to as modified, and the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read the third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by him on the 3d instant, to print three thousand extra copies of the President's message for the use of the Senate, reported it with a recommendation that the Senate agree thereto; and

The resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Bailey,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 52) for the relief of C. H. Frederick, late a lieutenant-colonel in the Ninth Missouri Infantry, and that it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Archibald McDonald, submitted an adverse report (No 26) thereon.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Smith, submitted an adverse report (No. 27) thereon.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Henry E. Sizer, submitted an adverse report (No. 30) thereon.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 167) granting a pension to William S. Grow, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 29) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 212) granting a pension to Charles H. Frederick, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 28) thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bills (S. 167 and S. 212) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the memorial of Lawrence H. Broyle, submitted an adverse report (No. 31) thereon.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Ferry: A bill (S. 388) for the relief of the heirs of the late William A. Burt, inventor of the "solar compass," adopted and used in the public surveys of the United States; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Wallace: A bill (S. 389) to establish a post-route in Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A bill (S. 390) for the relief of Leonard L. Lancaster, late sergeant Second Regiment Cavalry, Wisconsin Volunteers; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 391) to donate the military reservation of Fort Hay to the State of Kansas; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Rollins: A bill (S. 392) for the relief of Henry B. Brown; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. Merrimon: A bill (S. 393) for the relief of the widows and heirs of Roderick Shelton and others; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Merrimon: A bill (S. 394) to place the name of Daniel H. Kelly upon the muster-roll of Company F, Second Tennessee Infantry; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 395) for the relief of citizens at or near the route of any railroad that has ceased or may cease to operate; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Saunders: A bill (S. 396) to amend section twenty-four hundred and sixty-four of the Revised Statutes, relating to the cultivation of timber on the public domain; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Harris: A joint resolution (S. 9) authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the custom-house at Memphis to be constructed of Tennessee marble; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Teller submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to inform the Senate what has been the cost of the late war with the Sioux Indians, and what the casualties of rank and file among the soldiers engaged in the said Sioux war.

Mr. Teller submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That there be printed ten thousand copies of Professor Hayden's annual report of the geological and geographical survey of the Territories for 1877, seventy-five hundred copies of which shall be for the use of the House of Representatives, two thousand for the use of the Senate, and five hundred copies for the use of the office of the survey.

Mr. Teller submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Whereas an agreement was made on the 13th day of September, 1873, between the United States and the Confederated Band of the Ute Nation for the cession of certain lands in Colorado, which agreement was ratified April 29, 1874; and

Whereas the fourth article of said agreement was in words as follows:

"The United States agrees to set apart and hold as a perpetual trust for the Ute Indians a sum of money or its equivalent in bonds which shall be sufficient to produce the sum of $25,000 per annum, which sum of $25,000 per annum shall be disbursed or invested at the discretion of the President as he may direct for the use and benefit of the said Ute Indians annually;"

And whereas the said Ute Indians claim that no part of the said annuity payment has been made or invested for their benefit: Therefore,

Be it resolved, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to inform the Senate whether such payments have been made, and, if not made, why such payments have not been made, as required by the fourth article of said agreement; and that the President be, and he is hereby, requested to inform the Senate whether the lands ceded to the United States by said Indians have at any time since the making of said agreement been occupied by citizens of the United States, and whether the same are now so occupied or not.

On motion by Mr. WINDOM,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. EDMUNDS,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him November 26, 1877, calling upon the Attorney-General for a list of criminal prosecutions commenced in the courts of the United States in the district of South Carolina since January 1, 1876; and

The resolution was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Attorney-General be, and he hereby is, directed to communicate to the Senate, as soon as may be, a list of all criminal prosecutions commenced in the courts of the United States in the district of South Carolina since the first day of January, 1876, for offenses against the lives, property, civil rights, or right of suffrage of any person, with the names of the alleged offenders, and a statement of the disposition of such prosecutions and the dates thereof.

On motion by Mr. EDMUNDS,

Ordered, That the select committee appointed to take into consideration the state of the law respecting the ascertaining and declaration of the result of the elections of President and Vice-President of the United States be authorized to employ a clerk.

On motion by Mr. CAMERON, of Wisconsin,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 171) for the relief of Enoch Totten, administrator of the estate of William A. Lloyd, deceased; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. MITCHELL,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 238) to extend the time for the construction and completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad; and, by a readjustment of the grants, without increasing the appropriation, to secure the construction of the Portland, Salt Lake and South Pass Railroad; and,

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Thurman,

After debate,

Ordered, That the bill be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 1104. An act for the relief of John Pulford.

H. R. 1335. An act for the removal of the political disabilities of William A. Cornwell, of Georgia.

H. R. 1679. An act for the relief of Catherine and Sophia Germain.

H. R. 1897. An act to remove the political disabilities of W. E. Evans, a citizen of Louisiana.

H. R. 62. Joint resolution appropriating two hundred dollars to defray expenses of transferring the remains of Pancoast Loose, a deceased soldier.

The House of Representatives has passed the following resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the United States (the Senate concurring therein), That when the two houses adjourn on Saturday, December 15, 1877, they stand adjourned until twelve o'clock on Thursday, January 10, 1878.

The bills and joint resolution last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 1104 be referred to the Committee on Pensions; that the bills H. R. 1335 and H. R. 1897 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that the bill H. R. 1679 be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and that the joint resolution H. R. 62 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives providing for the adjournment of the two houses of Congress from the 15th instant to January 10, 1878; and,

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution yesterday submitted by him relative to the payments of certain bonds of the United States; and,

The resolution having been modified by Mr. Matthews,

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

Ordered, That the resolution lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Kirkwood,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds, at 2 o'clock and 38 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1877.

Mr. William H. Barnum, from the State of Connecticut, attended.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of

War, calling attention to the report of the Second Comptroller of the Treasury relative to the decision of the Supreme Court in the matter of land-grant railroads, and recommending such legislation as will remove the prohibition imposed by law upon any payment to these railroad companies; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, recommending the passage of a law permitting William J. Wilson, assistant surgeon, United States Army, to receive from the Khedive of Egypt a decoration of the order of Mejidieh, for gallantry in battle in the action near Guro, Abyssinia, March 7, 1876; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, in relation to the donation of certain lands in Kinney County, Texas, by the San Felipe Agricultural, Manufacturing and Irrigation Company, as a site for a military fort, and recommending that section 3736 of the Revised Statutes be so amended as to authorize the Secretary of War to accept an absolute gift or grant of land, provided the same is necessary for military purposes and the gift is unincumbered with provisions; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, recommending an amendment to section 1270 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to commutation of quarters, fuel, and forage to officers of the United States Army; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kernan presented a petition of ship-owners and agents of New York, praying an amendment to the act in relation to the port of New York, so as to include Port Bayonne and Port Johnson, in New Jersey, in the collection-district of the port of New York; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Kernan presented the petition of Secor and Company, and Perine, Secor and Company, respecting the claim for losses sustained through the action of the government in building vessels of war, and in relation to sundry payments received by them as extras on those vessels, and praying the reference of their claim to the Court of Claims; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Maxey presented a memorial of delegates and agents of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations of Indians, remonstrating against the passage of the bill to enable Indians to become citizens of the United States.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Ransom presented the petition of Edwin De Leon, late United States consul-general in Egypt, praying compensation for services rendered while acting as such consul-general, as provided for by the act of August 10, 1848; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Rollins presented the petition of Charles H. Ladd, trustee, praying compensation for the use and occupancy of certain property in Alexandria, Virginia, by United States authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Matthews presented a resolution of the Board of Trade of Cincinnati, Ohio, accompanied by a petition of citizens of Cincinnati, in favor of the repeal of the bankrupt-law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of bank directors and officers, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, praying the passage of a law for the re-

monetization of silver, and making it a legal tender for all debts, public and private; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Howe presented a petition of citizens of Brown County, Wisconsin, praying the passage of a law authorizing the Oneida tribe of Indians to abandon their tribal organization and assume the duties and responsibilities of citizenship; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Petitions, praying an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the several States from disfranchising United States citizens on account of sex, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Booth: Three petitions of citizens of California.

By Mr. McDonald: A petition of citizens of Indiana.

By Mr. Sargent: Several petitions of citizens of California.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Sargent presented the petition of Maria E. Laird and the petition of Sarah Wallace, praying to be allowed the right of suffrage; which were referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of citizens of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, praying for legislation in the interest of labor, and for the relief of indigent colonizers upon the public lands; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

Mr. Withers presented the petition of Thomas J. Page, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Robert Spaugh, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. McPherson,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Abraham P. Drost, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Wallace,

Ordered, That William S. Morris and others have leave to withdraw their petition from the files of the Senate.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Select Committee on the Levees of the Mississippi River, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 56) relating to reservoirs to promote the navigation of the Mississippi River, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Dorsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, instructed to inquire into and report, by bill or otherwise, a proper form of government for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1532) to provide a method for the settlement and adjustment of the accounts of the attorney of the United States for the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Johnston,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Arthur Connell and the petition and papers of F. W. E. Lohman, Wal. H. Ruth, and Charles M. Carter, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 1746) for the relief of the sufferers by the wreck of the United States steamer Huron, and for other purposes; and

It has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 591. An act for the relief of James Smith, late first lieutenant Company F, Forty-sixth Missouri Infantry.

H. R. 847. An act for the relief of Susan Robb.

H. R. 1142. An act for the relief of Charles W. Wood, late of Company E, First Battalion, Thirteenth Regiment of United States Infantry.

H. R. 1637. An act to establish post-routes in the several States herein named.

H. R. 1888. An act for the relief of Macon, Georgia.

H. R. 1889. An act for the relief of David W. Cheeseman, of Lake City, in Lake County, in the State of Oregon.

H. R. 1891. An act for the relief of the Eagle and Phœnix Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Georgia.

H. R. 1892. An act for the relief of Mrs. Amanda Rains, of Illinois.

H. R. 1893. An act for the relief of Cora A. Slocumb, Ida A. Richardson, and Caroline A. Urquhart.

H. R. 1896. An act for the relief of Nancy A. Herrick, of Rochester, New York.

H. R. 1951. An act for the relief of John F. Sutherlin and Brother, of Park County, Indiana.

The bills last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 591, H. R. 847, H. R. 1142, and H. R. 1892 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that the bills H. R. 1637 and H. R. 1889 be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads; that the bill H. R. 1888 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations; that the bill H. R. 1893 be referred to the Committee on Claims; that the bill H. R. 1896 be referred to the Committee on Patents; and that the bills H. R. 1891 and H. R. 1951 be referred to to the Committee on Finance.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Chaffee: A bill (S. 397) to amend an act entitled "An act to facilitate commercial, postal, and military communication among the several States," approved June 15, 1866; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Chaffee: A bill (S. 398) extending the act of July 2, 1862, entitled "An act donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanical arts," to the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Rollins: A bill (S. 399) granting a pension to Abigail S. Tilton; to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 400) to provide for the disposition of the arid lands of the United States; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 401) for the relief of Charles H. Moseley; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Hill: A bill (S. 402) for the relief of J. C. McBurney, of Georgia; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Allison: A bill (S. 403) to enable the Santee Sioux Indians to acquire homesteads; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Johnston: A bill (S. 404) amendatory of and supplementary to the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Texas Pacific Railroad Company and to aid in the construction of its road, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1871, and the several acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Kernan: A bill (S. 405) to amend the first paragraph of section 2541 of the Revised Statutes relating to collection-districts in the State of New Jersey; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Harris: A bill (S. 406) for the relief of the Odd Fellows lodge of Pulaski, Tennessee; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 407) to declare certain lands heretofore granted to railroad companies forfeited to the United States, and to open the same to settlement; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Saunders: A bill (S. 408) for the relief of Charles Brewster; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Sargent: A bill (S. 409) to restrict the immigration of Chinese to the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. Christiancy: A bill (S. 410) to provide for challenges to jurors in trials for bigamy and polygamy in the Territory of Utah; and to amend section 4 of the act entitled "An act in relation to courts and judicial officers in the Territory of Utah," approved June 24, 1874; and

A bill (S. 411) to regulate elections and the elective-franchise in the Territory of Utah; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 412) to protect the records of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. McMillan: A bill (S. 413) to increase the pension of Lawrence C. P. Haskins; to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Mitchell submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to communicate to the Senate the number of miles of railroad and telegraph line completed by the Oregon Central Railroad Company and accepted by the government; the number of miles uncompleted; also, the number of acres patented to such company under the act of Congress making a grant of public lands to said company.

Mr. Sargent submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That one thousand five hundred extra copies of the report of the Board of Health of the District of Columbia for the year 1877 be printed for use and distribution by said board.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That there be printed and bound in leather five thousand eight hundred copies of the colonial charters and constitutions, which the Public Printer shall cause to be distributed as follows: To the Secretary of the Senate one thousand copies, of which he shall deliver one copy to the Vice-President

of the United States, twelve copies to each Senator, one copy to himself, one copy to the Secretary's office, one copy to the official reporters' office of the Senate, and ten copies to the library of the Senate, and have the remaining copies kept as a reserve by the Librarian of the Senate; to the Clerk of the House of Representatives three thousand copies, of which he shall deliver eight copies to each Representative and Delegate, one copy to himself, one copy to the Clerk's office, one copy to the official reporters' office of the House, and twenty copies to the library of the House, and have the remaining copies kept as a reserve by the Librarian of the House; to the Library of Congress sixty-three copies, one copy of which shall be for the Librarian, two copies for the library, and shall not be taken therefrom; ten copies for the law library, and fifty copies shall be for exchange with foreign governments, under the direction of the Joint Committee on the Library, as provided in the joint resolution approved March 2, 1867; to the President of the United States three copies, of which one copy shall be for the library of the Executive Mansion; to the Department of State fifty-five copies, of which five copies shall be for the use of the department, and fifty copies shall be for transmission to United States legations and consulates-general abroad; to the Treasury Department ten copies; to the War Department six copies, of which one copy shall be for the Military Academy at West Point; to the Navy Department six copies, of which one copy shall be for the Naval Academy at Annapolis; to the Department of the Interior six hundred copies, of which ten copies shall be for the use of the department and the bureaus and offices thereof; one copy to the executive of each State and Territory for the use of each State and Territory; three copies to such incorporated colleges, public libraries, atheneums, literary and scientific institutions, boards of trade, or public associations in the United States as may be designated by each Senator, Representative, and Delegate in Congress to receive them; and the remaining copies shall be kept as a reserve from which the Secretary of the Interior may supply missing volumes to the executives of States and Territories or such institutions as may be entitled under this resolution to receive them; to the Post-Office Department six copies; to the Department of Justice one hundred and thirty-five copies, including those for the Chief Justice and Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, and for the use of the judges of the circuit, district, and territorial courts, the Court of Claims, the Assistant Attorneys-General, and the Solicitors of the Department of Justice; to the Department of Agriculture two copies; to the Smithsonian Institution one copy; the remainder shall be deposited in the Department of the Interior to supply deficiencies and offices newly created.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be authorized to pay such compensation or additional compensation for editing the compilation of colonial charters and State constitutions as they may deem proper, not exceeding one thousand dollars, and that the same be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Sargent a director for the Columbia Hospital for Women and Lying-in Asylum, under the provisions of the act of June 10, 1872.

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Bayard, members of the Board of Visitors to attend the annual examination of cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Anthony, Mr. Sargent, and Mr. Whyte, members on the part of the Senate of the Joint Committee on Public Printing, under the requirement of section 3756 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Teller,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him December 7, 1877, calling for information relative to an agreement between the United States and the confederate band of the Ute Nation of Indians, for the cession of certain lands in Colorado; and

The resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Wadleigh,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported by the Committee on Privileges and Elections declaring James B. Eustis entitled to a seat in the Senate as a Senator from the State of Louisiana; and,

After debate,

On the question to agree to the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That James B. Eustis is lawfully entitled to a seat in the Senate of the United States from the State of Louisiana, from the 12th day of January, 1876, for the term ending March 3, 1879, and that he be admitted thereto upon taking the proper oath,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 49 / Nays..... 8

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Chaffee, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, McPherson, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Randolph, Ransom, Saulsbury, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Cameron of Wisconsin, Hamlin, Howe, Ingalls, McMillan, Morrill, Saunders.

So the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Eustis then appeared, and the oaths prescribed by law having been administered to him by the Vice President he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. McDonald, on his own motion, was excused from further service as a member of the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, on his own motion, was excused from further service as a member of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

On motion by Mr. Wallace,

Ordered, That the vacancies on the said committees be filled by the Vice-President; and

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Eustis.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 107) to enable Indians to become citizens of the United States, made the special order for this day; and,

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to, and made the special order for, Tuesday, January 15 next, at one o'clock, two-thirds of the Senators present agreeing thereto.

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by him on the 6th instant, and modified to read as follows:

Whereas by the act entitled "An act to strengthen the public credit," approved March 18, 1869, it was provided and declared that the faith of the United States was thereby solemnly pledged to the payment in coin or its equivalent of all the interest-bearing obligations of the United States, except in cases where the law authorizing the issue of such obligations had expressly provided that the same might be paid in lawful money or other currency than gold and silver; and

Whereas all the bonds of the United States authorized to be issued by the act entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt," approved July 14, 1870, by the terms of said act were declared to be redeemable in coin of the then present standard value, bearing interest payable semi-annually in such coin; and

Whereas all bonds of the United States authorized to be issued under the act entitled "An act to provide for the resumption of specie payments," approved January 14, 1875, are required to be of the description of bonds of the United States described in the said act of Congress approved July 14, 1870, entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt;" and

Whereas at the date of the passage of said act of Congress last aforesaid, to wit, the 14th day of July, 1870, the coin of the United States of standard value of that date included silver dollars of the weight of 412½ grains each, declared by the act approved January 18, 1837, entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act establishing a mint and regulating the coins of the United States,'" to be a legal tender of payment, according to their nominal value for any sums whatever: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring therein), That all the bonds of the United States issued or authorized to be issued under the said acts of Congress hereinbefore recited are payable, principal and interest, at the option of the Government of the United States, in silver dollars, of the coinage of the United States, containing 412½ grains each of standard silver; and that to restore to its coinage such silver coins as a legal tender in payment of said bonds, principal and interest, is not in violation of the public faith nor in derogation of the rights of the public creditor.

After debate,

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Conkling,

On motion by Mr. Morrill, that the resolution be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary,

After further debate,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds, at 4 o'clock and 40 minutes p. m., that the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 30 / Nays 28

On motion by Mr. Jones, of Nevada,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Booth, Burnside, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Christiancy, Conkling, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Dorsey, Edmunds, Garland, Harris, Hill, Howe, Kernan, Lamar, McPherson, Merrimon, Morgan, Morrill, Randolph, Ransom, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Spencer, Wadleigh, Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Beck, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Eaton, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Hereford, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kirkwood, McCreery, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Saunders, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees.

So the motion was agreed to; and

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1877.

Mr. George R. Dennis, from the State of Maryland, and Mr. La Fayette Grover, from the State of Oregon, attended.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Rogers, his secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have the honor to transmit herewith an additional report (and accompanying statement) addressed to me by the commissioners appointed under the act of Congress approved July 19, 1876, authorizing the repavement of that part of Pennsylvania avenue lying between the Treasury Department and the Capitol gounds.

R. B. HAYES.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, *December* 10, 1877.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia and be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of State, communicating, in obedience to law, a statement of the names of the consular officers not citizens of the United States to whom salaries have been paid for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1876.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of State, communicating, in obedience to law, a statement of such fees as have been collected, accounted for, and reported by the various diplomatic and consular officers of the United States during the year ended December 31, 1876, together with the rates or tariffs of fees, and a full list of consular officers in office on December 15, 1876.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The following message was received from the President of the United States by Mr. Rogers, his secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith, for the information of Congress, a copy of the report of the commission appointed by me on the 27th of September, 1877, to examine the several public buildings in this city and determine the nature and extent of their security against conflagrations and the measures to be taken to guard the buildings and their contents from destruction or damage by fire.

The records of the government constitute a most valuable collection for the country, whether we consider their pecuniary value or their historical importance; and it becomes my duty to call your attention to the means suggested for securing these valuable archives, as well as the buildings in which they are stored. The commissioners have performed their duties intelligently and faithfully. Their recommendations are fully concurred in by me, and commended to the favorable consideration of Congress.

R. B. HAYES.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, *December* 10, 1877.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds and be printed.

Mr. Saulsbury presented the petition of Isabella McGunnegle, praying to be allowed an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Bailey presented a petition of citizens of Tennessee, praying the establishment of a post-road from Pine Knot post-office, in Campbell County, to Crooked Fork post-office, in Morgan County, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Wadleigh presented a petition of Clemence S. Lozier, president, and other officers, of the National Woman Suffrage Association, praying the use of the Senate chamber on the —— day of January next for the delegates to the Sixteenth Amendment convention, in which to present the subject of a constitutional amendment in relation to woman suffrage; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. McCreery presented the petition of Henry B. Helm, of Hardie County, Kentucky, praying compensation for property taken and used by United States troops during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Cockrell presented the petition of M. M. Kimmel, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Conkling presented the petition of James C. Jewett, praying to be indemnified out of the Geneva awards for losses sustained by him by the depredations of the Alabama and other Confederate cruisers; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented the petition of John Cummins, late collector of internal revenue for the district of Idaho, praying the reimbursement of the amount of certain moneys paid by him for clerk-hire during the term of his service; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Conover presented papers in relation to the application of Acting Passed Assistant Surgeon Francis V. Greene, United States Navy, for appointment as a surgeon in the Navy; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Morgan presented a petition of citizens of Monroe County, Alabama, praying an appropriation for the improvement of Mobile Bay; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Oglesby presented a petition of citizens of Chicago, Illinois, praying the repeal of the bankrupt-law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Dawes: A petition of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Conkling: A petition of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of New York.

By Mr. McPherson: A petition of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Bordentown, New Jersey, and a petition of the Grand Temple of Honor of New Jersey.

By Mr. Morrill: A petition of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Saint Albans, Vermont.

By Mr. Barnum: A petition of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of Connecticut, and a petition of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Connecticut.

By Mr. Cockrell: A petition of the Good Templars of Missouri.

By Mr. Burnside: A petition of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of Rhode Island.

By Mr. Anthony: A petition of the Rhode Island State Temperance Union.

By Mr. Bayard: A petition of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of Delaware.

By Mr. Sargent: A petition of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of California.

By Mr. Chaffee: A petition of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of Colorado.

By Mr. Allison: A petition of the Marietta Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends.

By Mr. Withers: A petition of the Rising Sun Lodge of Good Templars of Virginia.

By Mr. Saulsbury: A petition of the Sons of Temperance of New Jersey.

By Mr. Bailey: A petition of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of Tennessee.

By Mr. Randolph: A petition of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of New Jersey.

By Mr. Thurman: A petition of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of Ohio.

By Mr. Ransom: A petition of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of North Carolina.

By Mr. Wadleigh: A petition of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of Massachusetts.

By Mr. McMillan: A petition of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Iowa.

By Mr. Matthews: A petition of the Republican Temple of Honor of Steubenville, Ohio.

By Mr. McDonald: A petition of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of Indiana.

By Mr. Voorhees: A petition of citizens of Charlottesville, Indiana.

By Mr. Christiancy: A petition of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of Michigan.

By Mr. Beck: A petition of the Good Templars of Kentucky.

By Mr. Conkling: A petition of the Friends' Temperance Union of New York.

By Mr. Whyte: A petition of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Maxey: A petition of the Temple of Honor of Texas.

By Mr. Hill: A petition of the Supreme Council of the Templars of Honor.

By Mr. Kernan: A petition of the Templars of Honor and Temperance, and the petition of the State Temperance Society of New York.

By Mr. Paddock: A petition of the Grand Temple of Honor of the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Spencer: A petition of the students of Yale Divinity School of New Haven.

By Mr. Bruce: A petition of the Good Templars of Washington Territory.

By Mr. Patterson: A petition of the Sons of Temperance of South Carolina.

By Mr. Howe: A petition of the Good Templars of Wisconsin.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A petition of Good Templars of Illinois.

By Mr. Hamlin: A petition of the First Presbyterian Church of Marshalltown, Iowa.

By Mr. Kirkwood: A petition of the Alton, Iowa, Disciple Church.

By Mr. Ferry: A petition of the National Temperance Society.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions, praying to be allowed the right of suffrage, were presented as follows:

By Mr. McMillan: Several petitions of citizens of Minnesota.

By Mr. Teller: Two petitions of citizens of Colorado.

By Mr. Barnum: A petition of citizens of Connecticut.

By Mr. Morrill: A petition of citizens of Vermont.

By Mr. Rollins: A petition of citizens of New Hampshire.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: Two petitions of citizens of Wisconsin.

By Mr. Matthews: Two petitions of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Saunders: Two petitions of citizens of Nebraska.

By Mr. Paddock: Two petitions of citizens of Nebraska.

By Mr. Christiancy: A petition of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Kernan: Two petitions of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Wadleigh: Two petitions of citizens of New Hampshire.

By Mr. Spencer: A petition of citizens of Dakota Territory.

By Mr. McPherson: A petition of citizens of New Jersey.

By Mr. Patterson: A petition of citizens of South Carolina.

By Mr. Conkling: Several petitions of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Cockrell: A petition of citizens of Missouri.

By Mr. Anthony: A petition of citizens of Rhode Island.

By Mr. Whyte: A petition of citizens of Maryland.

By Mr. Allison: Six petitions of citizens of Iowa.

By Mr. Withers: A petition of citizens of Virginia.

By Mr. Thurman: Five petitions of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Dawes: Several petitions of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Ferry: Four petitions of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Barnum: A petition of citizens of Connecticut.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Petitions, praying an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the several States from disfranchising United States citizens on account of sex, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Sargent: A petition of citizens of California.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A petition of citizens of Illinois.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a resolution of the Illinois State Board of Agriculture in favor of the establishment of a bureau of agriculture as one of the departments of the government, and for the appointment of a secretary over it; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Dawes presented additional papers in relation to the claim of Frederick A. Holden; which, with his petition and papers on the files of the Senate, were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Howe presented a petition of citizens of Wisconsin, praying the establishment of a post-road from Marshland to Pine City, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Petitions, praying to be allowed the right of suffrage, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Oglesby: Three petitions of citizens of Illinois.

By Mr. Mitchell: Two petitions of citizens of Oregon.
By Mr. Plumb: Two petitions of citizens of Kansas.
By Mr. Christiancy: A petition of citizens of Michigan.
By Mr. Burnside: A petition of citizens of Rhode Island.
By Mr. Dorsey: A petition of citizens of the District of Columbia.
By Mr. Howe: A petition of citizens of Wisconsin.
By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: Several petitions of citizens of Illinois.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Memorials, remonstrating against any action concerning a revision of tariff duties until after it shall have been ascertained by official inquiry that such action would promote the restoration of general prosperity, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Oglesby: Three memorials of citizens of Illinois.
By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: Four memorials of citizens of Illinois.
By Mr. Hamlin: Seven memorials of citizens of Maine.
By Mr. Ferry: Seven memorials of citizens of Michigan.
By Mr. Wadleigh: Two memorials of citizens of New Hampshire.
By Mr. Rollins: Three memorials of citizens of New Hampshire.
By Mr. Matthews: Eight memorials of citizens of Ohio.
By Mr. Conkling: Nineteen memorials of citizens of New York.
By Mr. Beck: A memorial of citizens of Kentucky.
By Mr. Kirkwood: A memorial of citizens of Iowa, and twelve memorials of citizens of Ohio.
By Mr. Morgan: Two memorials of citizens of Alabama.
By Mr. McPherson: Eight memorials of citizens of New Jersey.
By Mr. Randolph: Eight memorials of citizens of New Jersey.
By Mr. Morrill: Five memorials of citizens of Vermont.
By Mr. Eaton: Two memorials of citizens of Connecticut.
By Mr. Barnum: Two memorials of citizens of Connecticut.
By Mr. Cockrell: Two memorials of citizens of Missouri.
By Mr. Saulsbury: Two memorials of citizens of Delaware.
By Mr. Withers: A memorial of citizens of Virginia.
By Mr. Merrimon: Three memorials of citizens of North Carolina.
By Mr. Anthony: A memorial of citizens of Rhode Island.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Wallace,

Ordered, That the memorial of W. L. Foulk, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Gordon,

Ordered, That the memorial of Nehemiah Garrison, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Harris,

Ordered, That the memorial and papers of Arent B. Sorenson, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Kirkwood,

Ordered, That Hiram W. Love be authorized to withdraw from the files of the Senate one copy of all papers touching the claim of said Love now pending, of which duplicates are on file in the office of the Secretary, and that all other of said papers be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That the memorial of P. P. G. Hall, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hamlin, from the Committtte on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 8) authorizing Captain Jonathan Young,

of the United States Navy, to accept a betel-nut box and a silver medal from the Emperor of Siam, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Paddock, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 373) to amend an act to provide for the sale of a portion of the reservation of the confederated Otoe and Missouria and the Sac and Fox of the Missouri tribes of Indians in the States of Kansas and Nebraska, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Conover, from the Select Committee on Transportation-Routes to the Seaboard, to whom was referred the bill (S. 263) to provide for a survey of an inland water-route and canal from the Mississippi River to the Atlantic Ocean, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Oglesby,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 388) for the relief of the heirs of the late William A. Burt, inventor of the solar compass adopted and used in the public surveys of the United States, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, who were instructed by the resolution of the Senate of November 14, 1877, to inquire into the expediency and propriety of a system of defensive works on the Rio Grande frontier of the United States, reported a bill (S. 414) making appropriations for the erection of suitable posts for the protection of the Rio Grande frontier; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Edmunds: A bill (S. 415) for the relief of Ella Long; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A bill (S. 416) to establish a court of appeals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 417) for the establishment of certain post-routes in the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 418) to amend section five hundred and thirty-two of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to the division of the State of Alabama into judicial districts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 419) to establish a port of entry and delivery at the town of West Point, Virginia; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 420) for the relief of Major P. P. G. Hall; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Garland: A bill (S. 421) to establish a post-route in Arkansas; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Davis, of West Virginia: A bill (S. 422) to provide for a building suitable for a post-office, for the accommodation of the revenue officers and the United States courts and their officers, in the city of Charleston, West Virginia; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Davis, of West Virginia: A bill (S. 423) making an appropriation to improve the Little Kanawha River, in the State of West Virginia; and

A bill (S. 424) making an appropriation for continuing the improvement of the Monongahela River in the States of West Virginia and Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Whyte: A bill (S. 425) granting a site for a dry-dock in the city of Baltimore upon certain conditions; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Gordon: A bill (S. 426) for the relief of the Masonic Hall Company of Atlanta, Georgia; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Eaton: A bill (S. 427) authorizing the issue of registers and enrollments to certain vessels when repaired; to the Committee on Commerce.

My Mr. Maxey: A bill (S. 428) to establish certain post-routes in Texas; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Conover: A bill (S. 429) for the relief of Isabella R. McGunnigle, widow of Lieutenant-Commander Wilson McGunnigle, United States Navy: and

A bill (S. 430) authorizing the appointment of Acting Passed Assistant Surgeon Francis V. Greene as surgeon in the United States Navy; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Hereford: A bill (S. 431) making an appropriation for continuing the improvement of the Great Kanawha River in the State of West Virginia;

A bill (S. 432) making an appropriation for continuing the improvement of the New River, in the State of West Virginia;

A bill (S. 433) making an appropriation for the improvement of Elk River, in the State of West Virginia; and

A bill (S. 434) making an appropriation for the improvement of the Big Sandy River, in the State of West Virginia; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. McMillan: A bill (S. 435) to establish a board of local inspectors of steam-vessels for the collection-district of Minnesota and Duluth; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Paddock: A bill (S. 436) to provide for ascertaining losses sustained by citizens of the United States by reason of Indian depredations, and providing for payment thereof; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Kirkwood: A bill (S. 437) to establish certain post-routes in the State of Iowa; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Kirkwood: A bill (S. 438) to refer the claim of Hiram W. Love, of the State of Iowa, to the Court of Claims; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 439) for the establishment of certain mail-routes; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 440) amendatory of and supplementary to the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Texas Pacific Railroad Company, and to aid in the construction of its road, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and the several acts amendatory and supplementary thereto; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Christiancy: A bill (S. 441) releasing to certain States any title or right of the United States to lands under the beds of the rivers, lakes, and natural ponds within their limits, not surveyed as public lands; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Kellogg: A bill (S. 442) authorizing mail steamship service between New Orleans, Louisiana, and certain foreign ports therein named; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A bill (S. 443) for the relief of John Cummins, late collector and disbursing-agent of the United States internal revenue for the district of Idaho; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Merrimon: A bill (S. 444) to establish a post-road in North Carolina; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Eustis: A bill (S. 445) appropriating money to open and keep unobstructed the navigation of Red River, and to take care of property of the United States; to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Whyte submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to the Senate any information he may have in regard to an application of citizens of Baltimore for the grant of a portion of the property at Fort McHenry, in the city of Baltimore, for the construction of a dry-dock, upon terms and conditions beneficial to the government, as set forth in a communication to the Secretary of War on the 20th of May, 1877.

Mr. Dorsey submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to report to the Senate by what authority the bands of Ute and Apache Indians are located, and an agency established, at Cimarron, New Mexico, and also to transmit copies of all letters, telegrams, or other documents on file in his department calling attention to the depredations of these Indians, and asking for their removal to their respective reservations.

Mr. Conkling submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of seven Senators be appointed by the Chair to inquire and report whether any, and, if so, what, measures can be devised to promote commercial intercourse with Mexico and to establish a just and peaceful condition of affairs on the borders of this country and Mexico, and also to ascertain and report the facts touching the present government of Mexico; and that said committee have power to send for persons and papers, to confer with the executive branch of the Government of the United States, to sit during the recess of the Senate, and to proceed to any point deemed necessary in the prosecution of its inquiries.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Library be instructed to consider the expediency of purchasing the papers of the Count de Rochambeau, commander of the allied forces of France in the war of the Revolution, and now in possession of his grandson, the Marquis de Rochambeau.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the resolution submitted by Mr. Matthews, declaring how certain bonds of the United States may be paid; and

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said resolution; and,

The question being on the motion of Mr. Morrill to refer the resolution to the Committee on the Judiciary,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Allison to postpone the further consideration of the resolution to to-morrow,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 18 / Nays 43

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Chaffee, Christiancy, Conk-

ling, Dawes, Dorsey, Hamlin, Kellogg, Kirkwood, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Patterson, Rollins, Saunders.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Eaton, Eustis, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Plumb, Saulsbury, Spencer, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace, Whyte.

So the motion was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 34 / Nays 26

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Cameron of Wisconsin, Coke, Conkling, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Garland, Hamlin, Harris, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kernan, McMillan, Mitchell, Morgan, Morrill, Paddock, Randolph, Rollins, Saulsbury, Saunders, Wadleigh, Whyte.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Barnum, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Chaffee, Christiancy, Cockrell, Davis of Illinois, Eaton, Ferry, Grover, Hereford, Jones of Nevada, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, Matthews, Maxey, Oglesby, Patterson, Plumb, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace.

So the motion was agreed to; and

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Whyte, at 4 o'clock and 3 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1877.

Mr. George F. Hoar, from the State of Massachusetts, attended.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of the 10th instant, a copy of a report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office in relation to the number of miles completed by the Oregon Central Railroad Company, the number of miles uncompleted, and the number of acres of land patented to said company; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cockrell presented papers in relation to the application of Stephen C. Herndon, of Ozark, Missouri, for a pension; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to inquire into the traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: A petition of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Hamlin: A petition of the Grand Division of Sons of Temperance of Maine.

By Mr. Ingalls: A petition of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of Kansas.

By Mr. Conkling: A petition of citizens of New York City.

By Mr. Burnside: A petition of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Rhode Island.

By Mr. Spencer: A petition of citizens of New York City.

By Mr. McDonald: A petition of citizens of Indiana.

By Mr. Kernan: A petition of Good Templars of Lowville and a petition of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Thurman: A petition of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Eaton: A petition of citizens of New Haven, Connecticut.

By Mr. Anthony: A petition of citizens of New York City.

By Mr. Oglesby: A petition of the Howard Temple of Honor, of Howard, Indiana.

By the Vice-President: A petition of citizens of New York City.

By Mr. Ferry: A petition of citizens of New York City.

By Mr. Edmunds: A petition of the Independent Order of Good Templars of the United States.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against any action concerning a revision of tariff duties until after it shall have been ascertained, by official inquiry, that such action would promote the restoration of general prosperity, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Dawes: Nine memorials of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Hoar: Nine memorials of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Blaine: Four memorials of citizens of Maine.

By Mr. Bayard: Two memorials of citizens of Delaware.

By Mr. Wallace: Thirty-one memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Ingalls: A memorial of citizens of Kansas.

By Mr. Kernan: Nineteen memorials of citizens of New York.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Howe presented a petition of citizens of Wisconsin, praying the repeal of the bankrupt-law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petitions, praying an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the several States from disfranchising citizens of the United States on account of sex, were presented, as follows:

By Mr. Edmunds: A petition of citizens of Vermont.

By Mr. Wallace: Three petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: Three petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Ingalls: Three petitions of citizens of Kansas.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying for legislation in the interest of labor and affording relief to indigent settlers on the public lands; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

On motion by Mr. Johnston,

Ordered, That William S. Mitchell have leave to withdraw his petition from the files of the Senate on leaving copies of the same with the Secretary.

On motion by Mr. McMillan,

Ordered, That the petition of Doughty and Card, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Patrick Sullivan, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Withers,

Ordered, That the papers of Joseph Segar, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

Ordered, That Bridget Collins have leave to withdraw her petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Mary Wilkes, widow of Rear-Admiral Charles Wilkes, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Sue Partee, submitted an adverse report (No. 32) thereon; which was agreed to.

Mr. Dawes, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the petition of Clemence S. Lozier, president of the National Woman Suffrage Association, reported adversely thereon; and the report was agreed to.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 184) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to transfer to the Secretary of the Interior, for entry and sale, all lands in the State of Florida not needed for naval purposes, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 258) to retrocede to the State of Florida jurisdiction over lands reserved for a dock-yard, in the county of Escambia, in said State, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 354) to equalize the pay of rear-admirals on the retired-list, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and, no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 59) authorizing payment of employés of the House of Representatives their salaries for time served by them during the present session of Congress without having taken the oath prescribed by law, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Booth,

Ordered, That the Committee on Patents be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 1896) for the relief of Nancy A. Herrick, of Rochester, New York, and that it be referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

Ordered, That the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 1889) for the relief of David W. Cheeseman, of Lake City, in Lake County, in the State of Oregon, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

Ordered, That the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 1888) for the relief of Macon, Georgia, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 1104) for the relief of John Pulford, and that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 304) to regulate expenditures in the Navy, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Edmunds, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 268) authorizing a general account of advances for naval appropriations, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to some and disagreed to other amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 1526) to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for prior years and for other purposes, and it has agreed to other amendments of the Senate to the said bill with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate. And

It has passed a bill (H. R. 2115) relative to the burial of the officers and others of the United States Navy who perished by the wreck of the United States steamer Huron, and for other purposes, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, H. R. 1532 and H. R. 1746, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 1532. An act to provide a method for the settlement and ad-

justment of the accounts of the attorney of the United States for the District of Columbia.

H. R. 1746. An act for the relief of the sufferers by the wreck of the United States steamer Huron, and for other purposes.

The Vice-President signed the two enrolled bills, H. R. 1532 and H. R. 1746, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Garland: A bill (S. 446) establishing a post-route in the State of Arkansas; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. McDonald: A bill (S. 447) to recognize the Woodruff Scientific Expedition around the World, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. McDonald: A bill (S. 448) for the relief of the heirs of George McDougall, deceased; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Barnum: A bill (S. 449) to save the rights of patentees under section 4916 of the Revised Statutes; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Chaffee: A bill (S. 450) to authorize the President to restore Samuel M. Robbins to his former rank in the Army; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Conover: A bill (S. 451) for the relief of James C. McBurney, trustee, &c.; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Morrill: A bill (S. 452) to provide for a commission on the subject of the alcoholic liquor traffic; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Cockrell: A bill (S. 453) to remit the tax on insolvent banks in certain cases; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Cockrell: A bill (S. 454) granting a pension to Stephen C. Herndon; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 455) for the relief of Patrick Sullivan; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Merrimon: A bill (S. 456) creating certain post-routes in North Carolina; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Ransom: A bill (S. 457) to provide for the settlement of accounts with certain railway companies; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That three hundred copies of the last edition of the Biennial Register be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Edmunds submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Select Committee to take into Consideration the State of the Law Respecting the Ascertaining and Declaration of the Result of the Elections of President and Vice-President of the United States be, and it is hereby, authorized to take into consideration and report upon the best manner of electing the President and Vice-President, and the duration of their term of office.

Mr. Davis, of West Virginia, submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Whereas section 1625 of the Revised Statutes provides that every able-bodied male citizen of the respective States, resident therein, who is of the age of eighteen years and under the age of forty-five years shall be enrolled in the militia, and section 1661 further provides that "the annual sum of $200,000 is appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of providing

arms and equipments for the whole body of the militia, either by purchase or manufacture by and on account of the United States:" Therefore,

Be it resolved, That the Secretary of War is hereby directed to report to the Senate the condition and number of militia enrolled in the several States and what recommendation he may have, if any, looking to a more thorough organization and collection of information and reports concerning the same; also that he report to the Senate the amount annually apportioned to each of the States under said section 1661; and if any State has received or been credited with more or less than its proportion of the sum annually appropriated, and what amount, if any, is now due any of the States, and if at any time any of the States have been excluded from the benefits of said section; if so, what States and for how long; also, under the term "arms and equipments," what kind of arms and what articles are or can be furnished; also if, in his opinion, the amount annually appropriated should be increased.

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Allison a consulting trustee of the Reform School of the District of Columbia in place of Mr. Hitchcock, whose term of service has expired.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. 3) permitting Commander Edmund O. Matthews, of the United States Navy, to accept a gilt teapot from the Emperor of Siam; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 32) for the relief of J. M. Micow and others; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Claims having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act for the relief of the estate of J. M. Micow, deceased."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the bill of the House (H. R. 1526) to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for prior years, and for other purposes, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and the amendments of the House to other amendments of the Senate to the said bill; and,

On motion by Mr. Allison,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House, and disagree to the amendments of the House to other amendments of the Senate to the said bill, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Vice-President; and

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Sargent, Mr. Dorsey, and Mr. Beck.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the resolution submitted by Mr. Matthews relative to the payment of certain bonds of the United States; and

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said resolution; and,

The question being on the motion of Mr. Morrill to refer the resolution to the Committee on the Judiciary,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Allison that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 44 / Nays 20

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bayard, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Chaffee, Coke, Conkling, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Dennis, Dorsey, Eaton, Edmunds, Garland, Hamlin, Hill, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McMillan, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Patterson, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Whyte.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Barnum, Beck, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Cockrell, Davis of West Virginia, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Hoar, Jones of Florida, McCreery, McDonald, Matthews, Maxey, Morgan, Thurman, Wallace, Withers.

So the motion was agreed to; and

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk.

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insists upon its amendments to certain amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 1526) to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for prior years, and for other purposes; and it insists upon its disagreement to other amendments of the Senate to the said bill. It agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Singleton, Mr. Atkins, and Mr. Hale managers at the same on its part.

The Senate resumed the consideration of executive business; and

After the further consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Teller, at 8 o'clock and 5 minutes, p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1877.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco, California, in favor of an appropriation for the erection of a building suitable for a post-office in that city; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Conover presented the petition of Mary Leggett, widow of Robert Leggett, deceased, late lieutenant-colonel of the Tenth Regiment of Con-

necticut Volunteers, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. McMillan presented a petition of citizens of Minnesota, praying the establishment of a post-route from Pine City to Marshland, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented the petition of David T. Corbin, praying that his right to a seat in the Senate as Senator from South Carolina may be inquired into and determined, by the Senate, upon its merits.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dennis presented the petition of Sarah B. F. Mayo, widow of Isaac Mayo, deceased, late a captain in the United States Navy, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Spencer presented a memorial of citizens of Washington, District of Columbia, remonstrating against the laying of a single or double track in connection with the Capitol, North O street and South Washington Railroad on C street between First and Seventh streets Northwest in said city; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Dennis presented the petition of Charles Collins, postmaster at Berlin, Worcester County, Maryland, praying to be relieved from liabilities for the amount of certain postage-stamps alleged to have been stolen from his office on the night of November 23, 1877; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Memorials, remonstrating against any action concerning a revision of tariff duties until after it shall have been ascertained by official inquiry that such action would promote the restoration of general prosperity, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Matthews: Two memorials of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Johnston: A memorial of citizens of Virginia.

By Mr. Ferry: Three memorials of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Bailey: A memorial of citizens of Tennessee.

By Mr. Burnside: Two memorials of citizens of Rhode Island.

By Mr. Maxey: A memorial of citizens of Texas.

By Mr. McCreery: Two memorials of citizens of Kentucky.

By Mr. Dawes: Three memorials of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Booth: A memorial of citizens of California.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Booth presented a memorial of citizens of San Benito and Monterey Counties, California, residing along the line of the proposed route of the Southern Pacific Railroad, remonstrating against any change being made in the said route; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Voorhees presented a petition of citizens of Indiana, praying the appointment of a commission to inquire into the traffic in alcoholic liquors; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions, praying to be allowed the right of suffrage, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Conkling: A petition of Lillie Devereux Blake.

By Mr. Allison: A petition of citizens of Iowa.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Kirkwood presented a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying the appointment of a commission to inquire into the traffic in intoxicating liquors; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Paddock,

Ordered, That the petitions of citizens of Nebraska, relating to the holding of one or more terms of the United States circuit and district courts at Lincoln, Nebraska, on the files of the Senate be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ferry, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1637) to establish post-routes in the several States herein named, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 412) to protect the records of the District of Columbia, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act to punish embezzlement in the District of Columbia, and to protect the records of said District, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Leave having been obtained, bills and a joint resolution were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dawes: A bill (S. 458) to authorize and equip an expedition to the Arctic Seas; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Oglesby: A bill (S. 459) to establish a post-route in Illinois; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Conover: A bill (S. 460) granting a pension to Mary Leggett; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Paddock: A joint resolution (S. 10) directing the Secretary of the Treasury to deliver to the Smithsonian Institution certain canceled plates of fractional currency, to be held as objects of interest; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Anthony: A bill (S. 461) to further regulate the purchase of material for the public printing and binding; to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Voorhees submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That it is of the highest importance that the financial credit of the government be maintained, and in order to do so the government itself, in all its departments, should, in good faith, keep all its contracts and obligations entered into with its own citizens.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of West Virginia, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution yesterday submitted by him, calling upon the Secretary of War for a report as to the condition and number of militia enrolled in the several States; and

The resolution was agreed to.

The bill H. R. 2115 yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the bill (S. 461) to further regulate the purchase of material for the public printing and binding, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said

bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the resolution submitted by Mr. Matthews, relative to the payment of certain bonds of the United States; and

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said resolution; and,

The question being on the motion of Mr. Morrill to refer the resolution to the Committee on the Judiciary,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Allison,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Conover, at 6 o'clock and 50 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1877.

Mr. M. C. Butler, from the State of South Carolina, attended.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, recommending an amendment to the Revised Statutes in relation to payment allowed by law for the publishing of advertisements for the Interior Department; which was referred to the Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Spencer presented the petition of Ira Lampley, minor heir of John M. Lampley, deceased, praying compensation for property taken and used by the United States troops during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of George W. Taylor, praying such legislation as will protect our home industries, and to adhere to the laws relative to currency, finance, and resumption; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Spencer presented the petition of Alexander G. Smith, of Alabama, praying compensation for certain property taken and used by United States troops in 1865; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Memorials, remonstrating against any action concerning a revision of tariff-duties until after it shall have been determined by official inquiry that such action would best promote the restoration of general prosperity, were presented, as follows:

By Mr. Conkling: Eight memorials of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: Two memorials of citizens of Wisconsin.

By Mr. Edmunds: Three memorials of citizens of Vermont.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: Forty-three memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dorsey presented a petition of citizens of New Mexico, praying the removal of certain bands of the Ute and Apache Indians to their

permanent reservation in Western Colorado; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Hoar presented a petition of citizens of Massachusetts, praying the establishment of a metric system of weights and measures after a date to be fixed by law; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hoar presented a petition of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Massachusetts, praying the appointment of a commission to inquire into the traffic in alcoholic liquors; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Grover presented a petition of citizens of Oregon, praying an extension of time for the completion of the main line of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and for the repeal of the north branch grant, substituting it upon the Portland, Salt Lake and South Pass line; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Sargent presented the petition of Sarah L. Knox, praying to be vested with the right of suffrage; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of insurance companies, merchants, and others of Philadelphia, praying the re-establishment of a legation of the United States at Bogota, in the United States of Colombia, and the appointment of a representative thereat; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hoar presented a petition of merchants of Boston, Massachusetts, praying to have refunded them out of the unexpended balance of the Geneva awards the amount of certain extra rates of insurance called war premiums paid to insurance companies who have been indemnified for their losses out of the said Geneva awards; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petitions, praying the enactment of a pension-law which will recognize the claims of many applicants for pensions who are now, as is alleged, debarred of their right to make application by the limitations in the present law, were presented, as follows:

By Mr. Hoar: A petition of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Conkling: A petition of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: A petition of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Ferry: A petition of citizens of Michigan.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 58) fixing the date on which the payment of the twenty-one clerks to committees of the House of Representatives, who are paid during the session only, shall begin, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Kernan, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

the bill (H. R. 1891) for the relief of the Eagle and Phœnix Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Georgia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by him on the 12th instant to print extra copies of the Biennial Register for the use of the Senate, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the resolution, as amended, was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That two hundred and fifty copies of the last edition of the Biennial Register be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. McMillan,

Ordered, That the testimony taken before the subcommittee of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, designated to investigate certain charges against La Fayette Grover, a Senator from the State Oregon, be printed.

Leave having been obtained, bills and a joint resolution were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 462) for the relief of Alexander G. Smith; and

A bill (S. 463) for the relief of the heirs of the estate of John M. Lampley, deceased; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 464) to pension the soldiers of the Creek Indian war of 1836 and 1837 in Alabama and Georgia; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Eustis: A bill (S. 465) to authorize the State National Bank of New Orleans to prosecute a suit against the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 466) to establish a post-route in Oregon; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Allison: A bill (S. 467) to establish a post-route in Iowa; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Edmunds: A bill (S. 468) to extend the operation of the act of February twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An act to provide for settlements with certain railway companies," for one year; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 469) for the relief of the North American Neuchatel Rock Paving Company; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Cockrell: A bill (S. 470) for the relief of J. L. Bernecker and Company, of Saint Louis, Missouri; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Bailey: A. bill (S. 471) for the relief of M. S. Draughn; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 472) to establish a post-route in the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 473) to establish a post-route in the State of Kansas; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 474) to authorize the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to extend its railroad and telegraph line easterly from its present eastern terminus, in Arizona, to a point on the Rio Grande at or near El Paso, and to aid in building the same; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Jones, of Florida: A joint resolution (S. 11) to authorize treaty with Republic of Mexico to secure protection to capital and labor of citizens of the United States which may be invested and employed in

opening railway communication in the Northern States of said republic; to the Select Committee on the Condition of Affairs between the United States and Mexico.

Mr. Dorsey submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, directed to report to the Senate what streets and avenues in the District of Columbia require repair or other improvements; the character of the present pavements, and how paid for; and what is the character of repairs and improvements proposed in each case, and the estimate of the cost thereof.

Mr. Dorsey submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be, and it is hereby, instructed to inquire and report whether the action of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia in respect of the location of the police court in what is known as the Unitarian Church building, corner of Sixth and D streets, northwest, has been and is in conformity with law.

Mr. Ferry submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the special commission on railway mail transportation be authorized to make their report required by law of July 12, 1876, in print, and the printing of the same is hereby ordered.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 56) relative to reservoirs to promote the navigation of the Mississippi River; and the amendment reported by the Select Committee on the Levees of the Mississippi River having been agreed to, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the resolution read a third time.

The said resolution as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed without amendment the bill (S. 192) providing for the printing and distribution of the Biennial Register; and

It has agreed to the report of the committeee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 1526) to provide for deficiencies in appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for prior years, and for other purposes.

Mr. Sargent, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 1526) to provide for deficiencies in appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for prior years, and for other purposes, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 1526) to provide for deficiencies in appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for prior years, and for

other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 9, 13, 39, 42, and 43.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments numbered 7, 16, 17, 19, 22, 24, 25, 32, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 44, and agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 3, and agree to the same with an amendment striking out "eighty" and inserting in lieu thereof *seventy-five;* and that the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 11, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out of said amendment the sum named and insert in lieu thereof *ten thousand dollars.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the House to amendments numbered 14, 15, 26, and 45, and agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 29, with an amendment substituting for the words "at the end of the current fiscal year," in lines 12 and 13, page 7, of the bill, the words *before January first, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine;* and the House agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 31, and agree to the same with an amendment striking out the sum named and inserting in lieu thereof *two thousand five hundred dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

A. A. SARGENT,
S. W. DORSEY,
JAMES B. BECK,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
O. R. SINGLETON,
J. D. C. ATKINS,
EUGENE HALE,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the resolution submitted by Mr. Matthews, relative to the payment of certain bonds of the United States; and

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said resolution; and,

The question being on the motion of Mr. Morrill to refer the resolution to the Committee on the Judiciary,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened.

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Conkling, Mr. Hamlin, Mr. Howe, Mr. Jones, of Nevada, Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Eaton, and Mr. Maxey members of the select committee authorized by the resolu-

tion of the Senate of the 11th instant to inquire and report upon the condition of affairs between this country and Mexico.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

Ordered, That the above-mentioned committee be authorized to employ a person to act as clerk and stenographer.

On motion by Mr. Ferry that the Senate postpone the further consideration of the resolution of Mr. Matthews, and proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 1637) to establish post-routes in the several States herein named,

It was determined in the affirmative, and

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Ferry, the motion of Mr. Paddock, the motion of Mr. Johnston, the motion of Mr. Hill, the motion of Mr. Dorsey, and the motion of Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act establishing post-roads."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the joint resolution of the House (H. R. 48) in relation to the International Industrial Exposition to be held in Paris in 1878; and

It has passed without amendment the following bill and joint resolution of the Senate:

S. 315. An act authorizing the changing of the name of the ship Samuel G. Reed.

S. R. 3. Authorizing Commander Edmund O. Matthews, of the United States Navy, to accept a gilt teapot from the Emperor of Siam.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 542. An act to change the location and name of the Miners' National Bank of Braidwood, Illinois.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed the enrolled joint resolutions (H. R. 48, H. R. 58, H. R. 59), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following joint resolutions:

H. R. 48. Joint resolution in relation to the International Industrial Exposition to be held in Paris in 1878.

H. R. 58. Joint resolution fixing the date on which the payment of the twenty-one clerks to committees of the House of Representatives who are paid during the session only, shall begin.

H. R. 59. Joint resolution authorizing payment of employés of the House of Representatives their salaries for time served by them during the present session of Congress without having taken the oath prescribed by law.

The Vice-President signed the three enrolled joint resolutions (H. R. 48, H. R. 58 and H. R. 59) last reported to have been examined, and

they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill (H. R. 542) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 2115) relative to the burial of the officers and others of the United States Navy who perished by the wreck of the United States steamer Huron, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Matthews relative to the payment of certain bonds of the United States; and,

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, at 4 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1877.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H. R. 56) relative to reservoirs to promote the navigation of the Mississippi River; and

It has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 119. An act to remove the charges against Lieutenant Charles Wilkinson, late of Company K, One hundred and second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, on file in the War Department.

H. R. 694. An act for the relief of William H. Needham, late second lieutenant of Company D, Twenty-second Regiment Iowa Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 1487. An act making appropriations for the payment of claims reported to Congress, under section two of the act approved June 16, 1874, by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed four enrolled bills (S. 192, S. 315, H. R. 1526, and H. R. 2115) and two enrolled joint resolutions (S. 3, H. R. 56), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolutions:

S. 192. An act providing for the printing and distribution of the Biennial Register.

S. 315. An act authorizing the changing of the name of the ship Samuel G. Reed.

H. R. 1526. An act to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for prior years, and for other purposes.

H. R. 2115. An act relative to the burial of the officers and others of the United States Navy who perished by the wreck of the United States steamer Huron, and for other purposes.

S. 3. Joint resolution authorizing Commander Edmund O. Matthews, of the United States Navy, to accept a gilt teapot from the Emperor of Siam.

H. R. 56. Joint resolution relative to reservoirs to promote the navigation of the Mississippi River.

The Vice-President signed the four enrolled bills (S. 192, S. 315, H. R. 1526, H. R. 2115) and the two enrolled joint resolutions (S. 3, H. R. 56), and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Butler submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Privileges and Elections be, and hereby is, instructed to inquire forthwith and report, as soon as may be, any threats, promises, or arrangements respecting existing or contemplated accusations or criminal prosecutions against any Senator, or any other corrupt or otherwise unlawful means or influences have been, in any manner, used or put in operation directly or indirectly by M. C. Butler, one of the Senators from the State of South Carolina, or by any other Senator or other person, for the purpose of influencing the vote of Senators, on the question of discharging said committee from the consideration of said M. C. Butler's credentials, or the other question, at the late session of the Senate; and that said committee have power to send for persons and papers, and to sit during the sittings of the Senate.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

S. 192. An act providing for the printing and distribution of the Biennial Register.

S. 315. An act authorizing the changing of the name of the ship Samuel G. Reed.

S. 3. Joint resolution authorizing Commander Edmund O. Matthews, of the United States Navy, to accept a gilt teapot from the Emperor of Siam.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts and joint resolution:

S. 192. An act providing for the printing and distribution of the Biennial Register.

S. 315. An act authorizing the changing of the name of the ship Samuel G. Reed.

S. 3. Joint resolution authorizing Commander Edmund O. Matthews, of the United States Navy, to accept a gilt teapot from the Emperor of Siam.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States has notified the House of Representatives that on December 10, 1877, he approved and signed the following act:

H. R. 1279. An act authorizing binding of documents for members of Congress.

On December 14 he approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 1532. An act to provide a method for the settlement and adjustment of the accounts of the attorney of the United States for the District of Columbia.

H. R. 1746. An act for the relief of the sufferers by the wreck of the United States steamer Huron, and for other purposes; and

On December 15 he approved and signed the following acts and joint resolutions:

H. R. 1526. An act to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for prior years, and for other purposes.

H. R. 2115. An act relative to the burial of the officers and others of the United States Navy who perished by the wreck of the United States steamer Huron, and for other purposes.

H. R. 56. Joint resolution relative to reservoirs to promote the navigation of the Mississippi River.

H. R. 48. Joint resolution in relation to the International Industrial Exposition to be held in Paris in 1878.

H. R. 58. Joint resolution fixing the date on which the payment of the twenty-one clerks to committees of the House of Representatives, who are paid during the session only, shall begin.

H. R. 59. Joint resolution authorizing payment of employés of the House of Representatives their salaries for time served by them during the present session of Congress without having taken the oath prescribed by law.

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

The doors of the Senate were closed,

When

Mr. Hamlin submitted the following order; which was agreed to:

Whereas a misunderstanding having arisen between the Honorable Roscoe Conkling and the Honorable John B. Gordon in the course of the executive proceedings of the Senate of yesterday, and mutual understandings thereon having been arrived at, as set out in the following paper, it is

Ordered, That said paper be entered at large on the legislative journal of the Senate.

"During an executive session of the Senate held yesterday, words were uttered both by Senator Gordon, of Georgia, and by Senator Conkling, of New York, which were mutually felt to be unkind and offensive. Reports of the incident appear in the papers of this morning which are inaccurate and unjust to both speakers. Upon a careful inquiry as to what was said by each speaker and what was understood to be said by the other, it is certain that the first offensive words were inspired by an honest misunderstanding of what had been innocently said by the other speaker. One harsh remark provoked another, as too often happens, but all that was offensive was the outgrowth of misapprehension. Since such was the fact, we, who are mutual friends of both Senators, are of the opinion that it is due alike to the Senate and the speakers that whatever was felt to be unkind or offensive in the remarks of either should be treated as if never uttered, and, we are now authorized to state, are mutually and simultaneously withdrawn.

"H. HAMLIN.
"M. W. RANSOM.
"TIMOTHY O. HOWE.
"J. E. McDONALD."

On motion by Mr. Oglesby,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1878.

Mr. David H. Armstrong, from the State of Missouri, attended.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith a special report upon the subject of forestry by the Commissioner of Agriculture. The documents submitted with this report accompany message to the House of Representatives.

R. B. HAYES.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
December 13, 1877.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Agriculture and be printed.

The bills (H. R. 119, H. R. 694 and H. R. 1487), last received from the House of Representatives, were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 119 and H. R. 694 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and the bill H. R. 1487 be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Matthews presented the petition of William H. Nessle, praying compensation for extra services rendered the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Matthews presented the petition of William R. Fee, of Cincinnati, Ohio, praying an extension of his letters patent for improvements in cotton-seed hullers; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Grover presented a resolution of the Board of Trade of Portland, Oregon, in favor of an amendment to the bill providing for an extension of time for the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Grover presented a petition of citizens of Oregon, praying that one of the termini of the Northern Pacific Railroad be established at Astoria, at the mouth of the Columbia River, and that said railroad be extended thereto within three years; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Withers presented papers in relation to the claim of Maria B. Wolfe for compensation for property destroyed by United States troops during the late civil war; which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Eaton presented a petition of citizens of New Haven, Connecticut, praying the coinage of silver dollars of 420 grains, standard silver, to be made a legal tender for sums not exceeding $20, except in payment of private contracts for gold and the bonded debt of the United States; and the establishment of an international commission to fix the relative value of gold and silver in foreign and domestic exchanges; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Grover presented a resolution of the Board of Trade of Portland, Oregon, in favor of appropriations for the erection of light-houses on Tillamook Head and Sand Island, in the Columbia River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Mitchell presented a petition of citizens of Oregon, praying an extension of the time for the completion of the main line of the North-

ern Pacific Railroad, and for the transfer of the north-branch grant to the Portland, Salt Lake and South Pass line; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Bailey presented the petition of William L. Nance, of Tennessee, praying payment of balance of compensation claimed to be due him for the use of his property by the United States authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Grover presented a petition of citizens of Oregon, praying an extension of the time for the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Memorials, remonstrating against any action concerning a revision of tariff duties until after it shall have been ascertained by official inquiry that such action would best promote general prosperity, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Dennis: A memorial of citizens of Maryland.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: Ten memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Eaton: A memorial of citizens of Connecticut.

By Mr. Kernan: Three memorials of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Hamlin: Two memorials of citizens of Maine.

By Mr. Bailey: Three memorials of citizens of Tennessee.

By Mr. Christiancy: Six memorials of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Plumb: A memorial of citizens of Kansas.

By Mr. Thurman: Three memorials of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A memorial of citizens of Wisconsin.

By Mr. Edmunds: A memorial of citizens of Vermont.

By Mr. Randolph: Two memorials of citizens of New Jersey.

By Mr. Howe: Four memorials of citizens of Wisconsin.

By Mr. Hereford: A memorial of citizens of West Virginia.

By Mr. Davis, of West Virginia: A memorial of citizens of West Virginia.

By Mr. Windom: A memorial of citizens of Minnesota.

By Mr. Dawes: Three memorials of citizens of Massachusetts.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions, praying an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the several States from disfranchising citizens of the United States on account of sex, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Kellogg: A petition of citizens of Louisiana.

By Mr. Plumb: A petition of citizens of Kansas.

By Mr. Grover: Four petitions of citizens of Oregon.

By Mr. Windom: Two petitions of citizens of Minnesota.

By Mr. Saunders: A petition of citizens of Nebraska.

By Mr. Teller: Three petitions of citizens of Colorado.

By Mr. Dawes: Two petitions of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Conkling: Three petitions of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Mitchell: Five petitions of citizens of Oregon.

By Mr. Christiancy: A petition of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. McMillan: Two petitions of citizens of Minnesota.

By Mr. Ferry: A petition of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Cockrell: A petition of citizens of Missouri.

By Mr. Hoar: Three petitions of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Sargent: Two petitions of citizens of California.

By Mr. Kirkwood: A petition of citizens of Iowa.

By Mr. Hamlin: A petition of citizens of Maine.

By Mr. Kernan: Five petitions of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Howe: A petition of citizens of Wisconsin.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Conkling presented a petition of the Alaska Gold and Silver Mining Company, praying the protection of persons engaged in mining in Alaska Territory from the hostilities of the natives, and that that Territory be attached to the division of Oregon for all judicial purposes; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Conkling presented a petition of citizens of Oswego, praying an increase of compensation in salaries of letter-carriers; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Ferry presented a petition of citizens of Michigan, praying the repeal of the bankrupt-law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Matthews presented the petition of E. W. Metcalfe, praying to be indemnified out of the Geneva award for the loss of the ship Delphine, alleged to have been destroyed by the rebel cruiser Shenandoah; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dawes presented a petition of a committee of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, praying an appropriation for securing a more suitable site and a more commodious and substantial edifice for the United States Naval Observatory at Washington; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Thurman presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of Cincinnati, Ohio, remonstrating against any modification of the act of December 17, 1872, in relation to the construction of bridges across the Ohio River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Voorhees presented a petition of citizens of Massachusetts, praying the restoration of the silver dollar of 412½ grains to full legal-tender power in the United States, and that its coinage be made as free in all respects as the coinage of gold; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Eaton presented a memorial of the New Haven Engineering Society, praying the introduction of the metric system of weights and measures; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in favor of the erection of certain public buildings in that city; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of the Susquehanna Canal Company and the Tidewater Canal Company, praying compensation for the loss of their bridge over the Susquehanna River, near Columbia, Pennsylvania, burned in 1863 by order of the United States authorities; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Dawes presented a resolution of the Boston Board of Trade, remonstrating against the passage of any law whereby the silver dollar shall be made an unlimited legal tender until the principal nations of Europe shall concur in a general remonetization of silver, and praying that present legislation upon the subject of coining may be limited to the promotion of negotiations with other powers for universal bimetalism; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of the Columbia Bank, praying compensation for the loss of the bridge across the Susquehanna River, burned by order of the United States authorities in 1863; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Howe presented papers in relation to the application of Angeline Raish to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petitions, praying the recognition of their claims for pensions who are sufferers as they allege, by the limitations of an unwise pension-law, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Thurman: Two petitions of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Howe: A petition of citizens of Wisconsin.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: A petition of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A petition of citizens of Wisconsin.

By Mr. Conkling: A petition of citizens of the United States.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Howe presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of Milwaukee, in favor of an appropriation for the removal of obstructions to navigation in the Detroit River, at the Lime-Kiln Crossing; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petitions, praying to be invested with the right of suffrage, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: The petition of L. E. De Wolf.

By Mr. Kernan: The petition of Jane T. Welton, the petition of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Kennedy, and the petition of Miss Helen C. Kennedy.

By Mr. Withers: The petition of Caroline F. Putnam and the petition of Sallie Holley.

By Mr. Hamlin: The petition of Lavinia M. Snow.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: The petition of Henrietta J. Partridge.

By Mr. Matthews: The petition of Mary V. Griffith and Emeline G. Fawcett, and the petition of Annie H. Lamborn.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Howe presented resolutions of the Workingmen's party of California, in favor of extending government aid in the construction of the Texas Pacific Railroad; which were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Thurman presented a memorial of Ormond Stone and others, praying the removal of the Naval Observatory at Washington to a healthier and better location, and to secure to it a fire-proof building; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Thurman presented a memorial of the Board of Trade of Cincinnati, Ohio, remonstrating against any modification of the act of December 17, 1872, in relation to the construction of bridges across the Ohio River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Thurman presented a resolution of the Ohio State Horticultural Society, in favor of the passage of a law providing for the preservation and renewal of the forests of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Leave having been obtained, bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Bailey: A bill (S. 475) for the relief of William L. Nance; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Sargent: A bill (S. 476) to relieve certain legal disabilities of women; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Sargent: A bill (S. 477) to regulate Chinese immigration; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. Ferry: A bill (S. 478) authorizing the Commissioner of Patents to extend the patent of Horace A. Stone for improvement in the manufacture of cheese; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. McMillan: A bill (S. 479) to amend section four of the act of

June 23, 1874, entitled "An act in relation to courts and judicial officers in the Territory of Utah;" to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Teller: A bill (S. 480) to enable the State of Colorado to reclaim certain waste lands; and

A bill (S. 481) for the sale of timber on the public lands in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Matthews: A bill (S. 482) for the relief of William H. Nessle; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 483) to reorganize the Pay Department of the Army; and

A bill (S. 484) to authorize the construction of a bridge abutment and approach within the military reservation of Fort Riley; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Jones, of Florida: A bill (S. 485) to repeal certain provisions of the acts of Congress making appropriations for the support of the Army, approved June 16, 1874, and March 3, 1875, respectively; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 486) to extend the provisions of the act of June 8, 1874, in relation to prize-money, to all fleet officers; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Withers: A bill (S. 487) for the relief of Mrs. Maria B. Wolfe; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Kellogg: A bill (S. 488) authorizing mail-steamship service in the Gulf of Mexico, between the port of New Orleans, Louisiana, and certain ports of the Republic of Mexico; and

A bill (S. 489) to improve the navigation and to afford protection and security to the shipping-trade and commerce and alluvial lands of the Mississippi River; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 490) supplementary to an act entitled "An act in relation to the Hot Springs reservation in the State of Arkansas," approved March 3, 1877; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 491) to promote the administration of justice in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Sargent: A joint resolution (S. 12) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

By Mr. Edmunds: A joint resolution (S. 13) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 1637) to establish post-routes in the several States herein named; and

It has passed a bill (H. R. 2142) to authorize and direct the Secretary of State to affix the great seal of the United States to a certain document therein stated, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 2142) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Conkling submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on be instructed to inquire into the alleged reinstatement or restoration of Draper to the position formerly held by him in the Medical Corps of the Navy, and to report the facts touching his original appointment; any allegations of misconduct on his part, if such there were; the action, if any, of the

government or Navy Department therein; his alleged resignation and the facts relating thereto; whether he ceased to be an officer of the Navy, and, if so, when; whether, and, if so, what, proceeding or action designed to effect his reinstatement or restoration has been taken by any officer or department of the government; whether any money has been paid on behalf of the government to said Draper or to his account, and, if so, by whom authorized and paid, and by whom received, and from what fund and the amount thereof, and whether such action as has been taken was and is legal and warrantable. Said committee shall have power to send for persons and papers.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Thurman and the motion of Mr. Saulsbury, the resolution as amended was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the alleged reinstatement or restoration of Draper to the position formerly held by him in the Medical Corps of the Navy, and to report the facts touching his original appointment; any allegations of misconduct on his part, if such there were; the action, if any, of the government or Navy Department thereon; his alleged resignation and the facts relating thereto; whether he ceased to be an officer of the Navy, and, if so, when; whether any, and, if so, what, proceeding or action designed to effect his reinstatement or restoration has been taken by any officer or department of the government; whether any money has been paid on behalf of the government to said Draper or to his account, and, if so, by whom authorized and paid and by whom received, and from what fund, and the amount thereof, and whether such action as has been taken was and is legal and warrantable. Said committee shall have power to send for persons and papers, and that said Dr. Draper shall be notified and may be present personally or by counsel, and, if he desires, explain to the committee any allegations of misconduct against him laid before said committee.

Mr. Conkling submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire and report whether any, and, if so, what, action has recently been taken by any department or officer of the government designed to reinstate or restore Benjamin P. Runkle to the Army of the United States, and whether such action was warranted by law; also, whether payment, and, if so, what payment or payments of public moneys have been made to or on account of said Runkle, by whom made or authorized, and by whom received, from what fund made, and whether such payment was legal, and whether the United States is indebted or liable to said Runkle for pay or compensation as an Army officer; and, also, whether since an order of dismissal in 1872 (if such an order was made) said Runkle has been an Army officer, or has had a valid and legal claim for pay or compensation. Said committee shall have power to send for persons and papers.

On motion by Mr. Burnside that the Senate reconsider its vote on the passage of the foregoing resolution,

Ordered, That the consideration of the motion be postponed to to-morrow.

Mr. Sargent submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Whereas thousands of women of the United States have petitioned Congress for an amendment to the Constitution allowing women the right of suffrage; and whereas many of the representative women of the country favoring such amendment are present in the city and have requested to be heard before the Senate in advocacy of said amendment,

Resolved, That at a session of the Senate, to be held on——, said representative women, or such of them as may be designated for that purpose, may be heard before the Senate; but for two hours only.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution; and

On the question, Will the Senate agree thereto?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 13 / Nays 31

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bruce, Burnside, Cameron, of Wisconsin, Dawes, Ferry, Hoar, Matthews, Mitchell, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Teller.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Butler, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Conkling, Davis of West Virginia, Eaton, Edmunds, Eustis, Grover, Hamlin, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Howe, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McDonald, McMillan, McPherson, Morgan, Plumb, Randolph, Saulsbury, Thurman, Wadleigh.

So the resolution was not agreed to.

Mr. Saunders submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be, and he hereby is, directed to transmit to the Senate at as early a day as practicable, a copy of the report of the engineer who was detailed to make examination and survey of the Missouri River at and near Omaha, Nebraska, and to report on the damage to navigation and property caused by the recent cut-off in said river; said report to include the probable cost of the improvements necessary to prevent further damage.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its last adjournment, viz, the resolution submitted by Mr. Matthews December 6, 1877, declaring how certain bonds of the United States may be paid; and

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said resolution; and,

The question being on the motion submitted by Mr. Morrill to refer the resolution to the Committee on the Judiciary,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds that the Senate adjourn to Monday next at 12 o'clock,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 11 / Nays 33

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Booth, Butler, Christiancy, Conkling, Dennis, Eaton, Edmunds, Grover, Hamlin, Lamar, Thurman.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Bruce, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Eustis, Ferry, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Hoar, Howe, Kernan, Kirkwood, McDonald, McPherson, Matthews, Mitchell, Morgan, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Teller, Voorhees, Wadleigh.

So the motion was not agreed to.

After further debate,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds, at 4 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned to Monday next at 12 o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1878.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, recommending that when another appropriation is made for the publication of the official records of the rebellion, provision be made in express terms for the rent of an office, as the building now used needs many repairs and is unsuitable for the purpose; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Dorsey presented a memorial of members of the bar of Fort Smith, Arkansas, praying compensation for services rendered to parties accused and unable to employ counsel in the courts in that place; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hamlin presented a petition of citizens of Maine, praying the establishment of a post-route from Kingman to Patten, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Hamlin presented a memorial of citizens of Maine, remonstrating against the establishment of a post-route from Kingman to Patten, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Kernan presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of New York, in favor of the passage of a law to authorize the correction of errors in the assessment and collection of duties on imports, whether in favor of or against the government; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kernan presented a petition of citizens of Oneida County, New York, in behalf of Henry N. Halstead, a soldier in the war of 1812, praying that he be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of December 11, 1877, a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, making a statement of the facts as regards the location of bands of Ute and Apache Indians at Cimarron, New Mexico, and inclosing copies of all letters, telegrams, and documents on file in relation to depredations of said Indians; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting, for the information of the Committee on Military Affairs, a report of Assistant Adjutant-General Thomas M. Vincent on the bill (S. 386) to extend the time for presenting claims for collecting, drilling, and organizing volunteers during the war of the rebellion; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hereford presented a resolution of the West Virginia State Grange, in favor of the passage of a law for the removal of all restrictions upon the sale of leaf-tobacco; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Teller presented a memorial of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina, remonstrating against the passage of the bill (H. R. 228) to authorize and enable the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to institute and prosecute a suit in the Court of Claims against the Cherokee Nation; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Bailey presented a memorial of William A. and Adilicia Cheatham, of Tennessee, praying to have refunded them the amount of certain moneys alleged to have been illegally exacted of them by the

United States revenue-collector; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Chaffee presented a petition of citizens of Colorado, praying an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the several States from disfranchising citizens of the United States on account of sex; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Mitchell presented the petition of F. G. Schwatka, of Salem, Oregon, praying compensation for certain property taken from him for military purposes at Point Adams, Oregon; which, with his petition and papers on the files of the Senate, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Bailey presented a petition of citizens of Tennessee, praying a reduction of the tax on the manufacture of tobacco; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Plumb presented the petition of William H. Morgan, of Osage City, Kansas, praying payment of certain bounty-money claimed to be due him; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Memorials, remonstrating against any action concerning a revision of tariff duties until after it shall have been ascertained by an official inquiry that such action would best promote general prosperity, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Hoar: Two memorials of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Ferry: Three memorials of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Rollins: A memorial of citizens of New Hampshire.

By Mr. Morrill: A memorial of citizens of Vermont.

By Mr. McPherson: A memorial of citizens of New Jersey.

By Mr. Conkling: Four memorials of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Dawes: Three memorials of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Matthews: Three memorials of citizens of Ohio.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Teller presented the petition of John B. Wolff, praying legislation for facilitating the adjustment and payment of the claims of citizens against the government, and the correction of alleged abuses in connection therewith; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Kernan presented the petition of George W. Hunt, administrator of the estate of Walter Hunt, deceased, for an extension of reissue No. 5109 of the letters patent for an improvement in shirt-collars; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Dorsey presented a petition of citizens of the Territory of New Mexico, praying that certain Indians belonging to the Apache and Ute tribes, located near Cimarron, in that Territory, be removed to their respective reservations near Fort Stanton, and in Colorado; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Eustis presented resolutions of the Clearing House Association of New Orleans, Louisiana, remonstrating against the coinage of silver except as a subsidiary coinage, without legal-tender value, and in favor of recognizing gold as the standard of value; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Morgan presented a petition of citizens of the United States, praying the abolition or modification of the Patent-Office model system which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Thurman presented a memorial of citizens of the United States, remonstrating against any further extension of the Rice patent for improvement in the manufacture of paper bags; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a memorial of citizens of Illinois, re-

monstrating against the remonetization of silver, and praying for the resumption of specie payments January 1, 1879; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dawes presented the petition of Anna L. Robbins, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dawes presented the petition of David Dimmick, of Massachusetts, a soldier in the war of 1812, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented resolutions adopted at a meeting of citizens of Bloomington, Illinois, in favor of the remonetization of silver, and to restore its free and unlimited coinage.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Christiancy presented a memorial of the Seminole and Creek delegates, remonstrating against the passage of the bill (S. 107) to enable Indians to become citizens of the United States.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Dawes presented a memorial of a committee appointed by the trustees of the Boston Five-Cent Savings-Bank, remonstrating against the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Morrill presented a petition of commission merchants, wholesale dealers, and rectifiers of distilled spirits, praying a reduction of the tax on distilled spirits; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented the petition of Thomas W. Mather, praying that the suit of W. R. Glover and Thomas W. Mather against the United States be restored to the calendar of the Court of Claims; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Dawes presented a petition of banks, bankers, merchants, and others, praying the adoption of measures authorizing the institution of an international monetary convention to consider and recommend conditions, terms, and values of gold and silver, &c.; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kirkwood presented a memorial of citizens of Davenport, Iowa, remonstrating against the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kernan presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Mitchell presented a petition of laborers on, and furnishers of materials for, the construction of the revenue-cutter Thomas Corwin, built at Albina, Oregon, praying compensation for labor and materials employed in the construction of said vessel; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Mitchell presented a petition of citizens of Oregon, praying the passage of the bill to extend the time for the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and to secure the construction of the Portland, Salt Lake and South Pass Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Mitchell presented the petition of Mrs. A. J. Daniway, praying to be invested with the right of suffrage; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. McCreery presented a memorial of the six Chinese companies of California on the subject of Chinese immigration; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. McDonald presented the petition of John C. Birdsell, praying an

extension of his letters patent for machinery for hulling and thrashing clover; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Cockrell presented the petition of General James Shields, praying to be allowed an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Harris presented a petition of citizens of Tennessee, praying a reduction of the tax on distilled spirits and whisky; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Mitchell presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of Astoria, Oregon, praying an appropriation for the construction of locks and a canal at the Cascades of the Columbia River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Mitchell presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of Astoria, Oregon, praying an appropriation for the erection of light-houses on Tillamook Head and on Sand Island, at the mouth of the Columbia River, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Mitchell presented a resolution of the Board of Trade of Portland, Oregon, in favor of the construction of light-houses on Tillamook Head and on Sand Island, at the mouth of the Columbia River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Hill presented a resolution of the Savannah Cotton Exchange, remonstrating against the remonetization of silver and in favor of a return to specie payments at as early a day as may be practicable; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Eustis presented resolutions of the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, remonstrating against the passage of any law for the remonetization of silver, and in favor of maintaining gold as the standard of value; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the legislature of California in favor of the passage of the bill (H. R. 1924) to regulate Chinese immigration; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. McPherson presented a resolution of the Board of Trade of Trenton, New Jersey, in favor of the establishment of a Department of Commerce; which was referred to the Committe on Commerce.

Mr. Thurman presented a petition of citizens of the United States engaged in the manufacture of earthenware, praying that no legislation may be adopted effecting a change in the present duty on imported earthenware; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kirkwood presented a petition of citizens of Charles City, Iowa, praying the coinage of silver dollars worth one hundred cents each at the present relative value of gold and silver bullion; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hamlin presented the petition of William McCartney, praying that his name be restored to the pension-rolls; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dorsey presented a memorial of the governor and other State officers of Arkansas, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the L'Aguilla River, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Matthews presented a petition of citizens of Ohio, praying the appointment of a commission of inquiry concerning the alcoholic-liquor traffic; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cockrell presented a memorial of citizens of Cameron, Missouri, remonstrating against any change in the tariff on flaxseed and linseed-oil; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McPherson presented two memorials of citizens of the United States, remonstrating against any legislation changing the present duty on imported corks; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions, praying the recognition of their claims for pensions by persons who are, as they allege, sufferers by the limitations of an unwise pension-law, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Matthews: A petition of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Conkling: Two petitions of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Thurman: A petition of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Kirkwood: A petition of citizens of Iowa.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Hamlin presented nine petitions of citizens of Maine, praying to have refunded them out of the unexpended balance of the Geneva award fund the amount of certain extra rates of insurance, called war-premiums; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a petition of citizens of Illinois, praying the repeal of the act of February 12, 1873, demonetizing silver; for the reissue of the old silver dollar as a legal tender, without limitation; also, for the repeal of the resumption act; that $400,000,000 of greenbacks be issued and kept in circulation; and that greenbacks be made a legal tender for all purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cockrell presented the petition of Edward Evers, praying the passage of an act authorizing the President to reappoint him an assistant surgeon in the Navy; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Thurman presented papers relative to the claim of Rear-Admiral Thornton A. Jenkins for difference of pay between commander and lieutenant in the Navy from September 14, 1855, to June 1, 1860; and also for difference between pay on the retired and active list of the Navy while representing the Navy Department at the Centennial Exhibition of 1876; which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 84) to amend certain provisions of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the transportation of animals, and that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 186) to provide for the settlement of tax-lien certificates erroneously issued by the late authorities of the District of Columbia, and that it be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the following bills, and that they be referred to the Committee on Territories:

S. 207. Explanatory of section 1889 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and to ratify and confirm certain Territorial legislation.

S. 330. Explanatory of section 1889 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and to ratify and confirm certain Territorial legislation, and for other purposes.

Mr. Mitchell obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 492) for the protection of the salmon fisheries in the Columbia River; which was read a first and second time, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills and a joint resolution were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Sargent: A bill (S. 493) to provide for the removal of the Naval Observatory; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Thurman: A bill (S. 494) for the relief of Thornton A. Jenkins, and

A bill (S. 495) for the relief of Thornton A. Jenkins; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Hoar: A bill (S. 496) for the relief of the legal representatives of R. W. Gibbes; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Saunders: A bill (S. 497) to establish a post-route; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Kernan: A bill (S. 498) to provide for the appointment of an additional circuit judge in the second judicial circuit; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Conkling: A bill (S. 499) to revise the judicial system of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Conkling: A bill (S. 500) in regard to the Staten Island and New Jersey Suspension Bridge and Railroad Company; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. McDonald: A bill (S. 501) for the relief of John C. Birdsell; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Barnum: A bill (S. 502) repealing the charter of the National Capital Insurance Company; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 503) for the relief of F. G. Schwatka, and

A bill (S. 504) for the relief of R. G. Combs and others; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Ferry: A bill (S. 505) for the relief of Henry Romeyn, and

A bill (S. 506) for the relief of William Mills; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Cockrell: A bill (S. 507) for the relief of Dr. Edward Evers; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Cockrell: A bill (S. 508) for the relief of James A. Price; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Dawes: A bill (S. 509) to extend letters patent heretofore issued to Joseph W. Fowle; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Sargent: A joint resolution (S. 14) for the purchase of copies of the General Register of the Navy and Marine Corps of the United States; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Edmunds submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the following be, and the same are hereby, adopted as the joint rules of the two houses, for the present session.

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Mr. Edmunds submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That the following be one of the standing rules of the Senate:

No motion shall be deemed in order to admit any person whatsoever within the doors of the Senate Chamber to present any petition, memorial, or address, or to hear any such read, or to address the Senate, except as parties or counsel in cases of contempt or impeachment.

Mr. Thurman submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs are hereby instructed to inquire whether any, and if any, what, legislation is necessary or expedient for the following purposes:

First. To increase the annual appropriation for arming and equipping the militia of the States and Territories to correspond with the increase in population since the passage of the act of A. D. 1808, such increase to take immediate effect.

Second. To enable the proper accounting-officer to take up for settlement and to settle the twentieth (20th) installment of the Ohio war-claims, referred to in the governor's letter.

Third. To authorize the proper officer to credit this State with the difference between what the arms drawn by Governor Tod were charged at and what they were sold for.

The bills for the settlement of items 2 and 3 to be so drawn as to allow the State to draw ordnance and ordnance stores, camp and garrison equipage, cooking utensils, overcoats, blankets, &c., in liquidation of any balance due the State; such stores being necessary to properly arm and equip the national guard for service and camp duty; and that said committee report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Mitchell submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed:

Whereas there are at the present time in the United States not to exceed three hundred thousand Indians, and for whose occupation, use, and benefit there have been set apart, and are for such purpose now held, over three hundred million acres of the public lands of the United States, including the Indian Territory, or about one thousand acres to each man, woman, and child, and from all which lands settlers are excluded, while a white person of twenty-one years of age, whether the head of a family or not, is permitted to homestead or purchase but one hundred and sixty acres, while millions of white and black citizens, with families to support, are without homes of their own: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be, and they are hereby, instructed to inquire into the propriety of establishing not to exceed four Indian reservations, to be called Indian Territories, one of which, for the use and occupation of all Indians in the State of Oregon and in Washington and Idaho Territories, shall be located in the country west of the Rocky Mountains known as the Colville Valley; the second, for the occupation and use of all other Indians west of the Rocky Mountains, in some suitable locality west of or in such range of mountains, and the other two for the use and occupation of all other Indians to be located in or east of the Rocky Mountain range, and upon which reservations or Territories all reservation Indians in the United States shall be located; with suitable provisions for permitting all who are competent to become citizens and who will dissolve their tribal relations and devote themselves to agriculture, to acquire, under proper restrictions, homesteads in suitable quantities on their present reservations; such large reservations or Indian Territories to have a suitable form of government, to be established by Congress, which government shall include the right to be represented in Congress by a Delegate, to be appointed by the President of the United States, and a superintendent, who shall be *ex-officio* governor of such Territory, and which government shall also include the establishment of manual-labor and other schools sufficient for the accommodation and education of all the Indians in such Territory, with a compulsory provision in the organic law of

each of such Territories, compelling each Indian between certain ages to attend school a given number of months in each year for a certain number of years, with the privilege to all religious denominations of establishing missionary institutions in such Territories in their own way respectively, except they be not incompatible with the laws of such Territories, and which government shall also include the establishment of a strong military post in each of such Territories for the protection of both Indians and whites, and the preservation of peace, and also the establishment of suitable courts for the protection of civil rights and for the punishment of crime, as in other Territories; and that all lands now held as Indian reservations in the United States, as the Indians thereon are removed to such Territories, under proper restrictions, and with due regard to the rights of the different tribes as to the proceeds arising from their disposition, be opened to the millions of homeless white and black citizens of the United States for settlement; and to report to the Senate by bill or otherwise.

Resolved further, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior, with a request that he communicate to the Senate such recommendations in reference to the general proposition of consolidation of Indian agencies in the form herein suggested, or otherwise, and as he may deem pertinent and proper, together with any reports of Indian inspectors or other officers of the Indian Department, or any other facts specially bearing on the subject.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 224) for the relief of Thomas A. Nicholson, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (H. R. 1637), I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 1637) establishing post-roads.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 1637) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill (H. R. 224) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Kernan,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1891) for the relief of the Eagle and Phœnix Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Georgia; and,

On motion by Mr. Kernan,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business at its last adjournment, viz, the resolution submitted by Mr. Matthews December 6, 1877, relative to the payment of certain bonds to the United States; and

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said resolution; and,

The question being on the motion submitted by Mr. Morrill to refer the resolution to the Committee on the Judiciary,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Merrimon,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds, at 3 o'clock and 20 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1878.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of November 6, 1877, a report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, concerning instructions given to agents touching the seizure of logs, lumber, &c.; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Union League Club of New York, in favor of a resumption of specie payments on and after January 1, 1879, and remonstrating against silver being made a legal tender for an unlimited amount; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a memorial of the mayor of Shreveport, Louisiana, praying an appropriation for the erection of a building in that city, to be used as a court-house and post-office; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a memorial of the mayor of Shreveport, Louisiana, praying the passage of a law creating a federal district court for North Louisiana; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a memorial of the mayor of Shreveport, Louisiana, praying the passage of a bill authorizing the construction of a railroad-bridge across the Red River at or near Shreveport; also, one across the Ouachita River at or near Monroe, Louisiana; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting the petition of Colonel L. C. Easton and others, officers of the Army, praying to be restored to their proper places upon the Army list; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. McDonald presented the petition of Richard T. Horner, and a petition of citizens of Delaware County, Indiana, in his behalf, praying that he be allowed a pension; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. McCreery presented a memorial of the Tobacco Board of Trade of Louisville, Kentucky, praying a reduction of the tax on manufactured tobacco; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Butler presented a petition of citizens of South Carolina, praying an appropriation for the removal of obstructions to navigation in the Great Pee Dee River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Memorials, remonstrating against any action being taken concerning a revision of tariff-duties until after it shall have been ascertained by official inquiry that such action would best promote general prosperity, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A memorial of citizens of Illinois.

By Mr. Oglesby: A memorial of citizens of Illinois.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of citizens of Philadelphia, remonstrating against the passage of the bill for the

remonetization of silver; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Spencer presented the petition of Martha C. Eford, of Walton County, Florida, praying compensation for property alleged to have been taken and appropriated by United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a memorial of merchants, bankers, and others, of Chicago, Illinois, remonstrating against the remonetization of silver, and praying a return to specie payments on and after January 1, 1879; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Christiancy presented a memorial of the State Grange of Michigan, praying an amendment to the patent laws in relation to patent-rights; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Christiancy presented a resolution of the State Grange of Michigan, in favor of the construction of a ship-canal across the lower peninsula of Michigan; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dorsey presented a memorial of Coleman Cole, principal chief of the Choctaw Indians, remonstrating against the passage of the bill to enable Indians to become citizens of the United States.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dorsey presented a memorial of the mayor of Marianna, Arkansas, and others, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the L'Aguilla River, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a petition of Daniel J. Poor and Susan T. Poor, of Lexington, Illinois, praying the repeal of the charter of the National Capital Insurance Company, of Washington, District of Columbia; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver, and making it a legal tender for all debts and dues whatsoever; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any legislation affecting duties on imports which is not based upon a thorough investigation of details, and praying for such investigation; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented two memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any reduction of the duties on imported goods, and against the restoration of the duty on tea and coffee; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the recognition of their claims for pensions, who are, as they allege, sufferers by the limitation of an unwise pension law; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Harris presented a petition of Hugh L. W. Brinkley and Annie O. Snowden, praying compensation for the use and occupancy of their property in Memphis, Tennessee, by United States authorities, during the years 1862 and 1863; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Spencer presented the petition of Laura S. Cowles, of Barbour County, Alabama, praying compensation for property alleged to have

been taken and appropriated by United States military forces during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Whyte presented the petition of Morris B. Slosson, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Whyte presented the petition of Henry H. Lewis, of Baltimore, Maryland, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Oglesby presented the petition of Mrs. F. B. Rowe, of Freedom, Illinois, praying to be invested with the right of suffrage; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Windom presented the petition of W. C. Dodge, praying compensation for the use by the government of his inventions for improvements in fire-arms; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Windom presented the petition of J. H. Gill, praying compensation for the use by the government of his inventions and improvements in the manufacture of cartridges and other ammunition; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Booth presented the petition of J. D. Sarven, praying an extension of his patent for an improvement in the manufacture of carriage-wheels; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Mitchell presented a petition of citizens of Oregon, praying the transfer of the telegraph business to the Post-Office Department, and for cheaper telegraphic facilities; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Dorsey presented papers in relation to the construction of a bridge across the Arkansas River by the Arkansas River Transfer Railway Company; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to accompany the bill S. 511.

Mr. Spencer presented an affidavit of William Smith in support of his claim for compensation for property taken and appropriated by the United States military authorities in 1865; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hamlin, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the petition of Edwin De Leon, reported adversely thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Hamlin, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2142) to authorize and direct the Secretary of State to affix the great seal of the United States to a certain document therein stated, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 484) to authorize the construction of a bridge abutment and approach within the Fort Riley military reservation, reported it without amendment.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 510) to authorize the payment of fees to

counsel for the defense of poor people in the courts of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 511) authorizing the Arkansas River Transfer Railway Company to construct a bridge across the Arkansas River; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 512) in relation to the Pacific Railroads; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 513) to provide for appeals from the district courts of the United States held at Fort Smith, in the western district of Arkansas, and at Helena, in the eastern district of Arkansas, to the circuit court of the United States held at Little Rock, in said State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A bill (S. 514) to promote immigration to the United States, and for the protection of immigrants; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 515) for the relief of Mrs. Laura S. Cowles;

A bill (516) for the relief of Mrs. Laura S. Cowles; and

A bill (S. 517) for the relief of Mrs. Martha C. Erford; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 518) for the relief of William Smitha; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 519) to extend, facilitate, and cheapen land and water transportation of freights and passengers, and to promote industry and labor without further appropriation of public property or increase of public debt; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Booth: A bill (S. 520) to authorize the claimants to certain lands in Santa Barbara County, California, to submit their claims to the United States district court for that State for adjudication; to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

By Mr. Booth: A bill (S. 521) for the relief of James D. Sarven; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Hoar: A bill (S. 522) for the relief of Ira Gill; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Windom: A bill (S. 523) for the relief of William C. Dodge; and

A bill (S. 524) for the relief of Jabez H. Gill; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Windom: A bill (S. 525) for the restoration of wages in the Government Printing Office; to the Committee on Printing.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 526) granting a pension to James McDonald; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Whyte: A bill (S. 527) granting a pension to Morris B. Slosson; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. McMillan: A bill (S. 528) to authorize the Worthington and Sioux Falls Railroad Company to extend its road into the Territory of Dakota to the village of Sioux Falls; to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Hereford submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to inform the Senate of the amount of the government bonds sold since March 4, 1861, giving the amounts of each issue, with its date, thus sold, the net amounts received from the sale of each issue, and the currency in which the same was paid. Also the amount paid any syndicate, person, or persons for placing the same on the market or for purchasing the same, and in what currency they were paid.

Mr. Mitchell submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to transmit to the Senate a copy of the report of Indian Inspector Watkins, recommending the establishment of a large Indian reservation or territory in the Colville country for the use and occupation of a portion or all reservation Indians now on the various reservations in the State of Oregon and in the Territories of Washington and Idaho, together with such recommendations as the Secretary of the Interior may deem proper to make in reference to such proposition.

Mr. Kellogg submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and he is hereby, directed to pay out of the contingent fund of the Senate full compensasation and mileage as Senators to John Ray and William L. McMillen for the unexpired term of William P. Kellogg in the Forty-second Congress.

On motion by Mr. Kellogg,

Ordered, That the petition of Isaac Bloom, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution yesterday submitted by him instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire into the expediency of increasing the annual appropriation for the militia of the several States, and of providing for the settlement of certain war-claims of the State of Ohio; and

The resolution having been amended on the motion of Mr. Thurman, the motion of Mr. Edmunds, and the motion of Mr. Dawes, was agreed to as amended, as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs are hereby instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, legislation is necessary or expedient for the following purposes:

First. To increase the annual appropriation for arming and equipping the militia of the States and Territories to correspond with the increase in population since the passage of the act of A. D. 1808, such increase to take immediate effect.

Second. To enable the proper accounting-officer to take up for settlement and to settle the twentieth (20th) installment of the Ohio war-claims, referred to in the governor's letter.

Third. To authorize the proper officer to credit this State with the difference between what the arms drawn by Governor Tod were charged at and what they were sold for.

And whether bills for the settlement of items two and three, if reported, should be so drawn as to allow the State to draw ordnance and ordnance stores, camp and garrison equipage, cooking-utensils, overcoats, blankets, &c., in liquidation of any balance due the State, such stores being necessary to properly arm and equip the national guard for service and camp duty; and that said committee make the same inquiry respecting the war-claims and credits of the other States of the Union that furnished troops in aid of the government during the late rebellion; and that said Committee report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Thurman presented a letter of the governor of Ohio, recommending legislation in relation to the subjects referred to in the foregoing resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment

yesterday, viz, the resolution submitted by Mr. Matthews December 6, 1877, relative to the payment of certain bonds of the United States; and

On motion by Mr. Matthews that the Senate postpone the consideration of the resolution and proceed to the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Voorhees December 13, 1877, as follows:

Resolved, That it is of the highest importance that the financial credit of the government be maintained; and, in order to do so, the government itself, in all its departments, should in good faith keep all its contracts and obligations entered into with its own citizens;

It was determined in the affirmative; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed to to-morrow.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Matthews; and,

On motion by Mr. Hamlin, at 3 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1878.

Mr. Kernan presented a petition of citizens of Dansville, New York, praying an amendment to the pension law so as to dispense with the services of examining surgeons and examining boards; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Withers presented a resolution of the legislature of Virginia, in favor of a reduction of the tax on tobacco; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kirkwood presented a memorial of citizens of Iowa, remonstrating against the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver, or the passage of any law that does not limit it as a legal tender.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Blaine presented a memorial of Cherokee delegates, remonstrating against the passage of the bill (S. 107) to enable Indians to become citizens of the United States.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Hoar presented a petition of citizens of Massachusetts, praying an amendment to the Constitution, investing women with the right of suffrage; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Anthony presented a memorial of citizens of Rhode Island, remonstrating against any action being taken concerning a revision of tariff duties until after it shall have been ascertained by official inquiry that such action would best promote general prosperity; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Howe presented a petition of citizens of Wisconsin, praying the recognition of their claims for pensions, who are, as they allege, sufferers by the limitation of an unwise pension law; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dorsey presented a petition of citizens of the District of Columbia, praying an amendment to the Constitution, prohibiting the several States from disfranchising citizens on account of sex; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Beck presented the petition of Samuel H. Chew, of Fayette County, Kentucky, praying compensation for property taken and appro-

priated by United States military forces during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Eustis, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the petition of J. H. Merrill, reported adversely thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 493) to provide for the removal of the Naval Observatory, reported it with amendments and submitted a report (No. 33) thereon.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 529) to organize the Territory of Oklakoma, and to guarantee to the civilized and semi-civilized tribes of Indians living therein a republican form of government; to the Committee on Territories.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 530) for the relief of Alexander Davis; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Withers: A bill (S. 531) to annul and re-enact section 571 of the Revised Statutes of the United States in relation to certain district courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A bill (S. 532) to incorporate the Suburban Railway Company of Washington, in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A bill (S. 533) to restore the case of W. R. Glover and Thomas W. Mather against the United States, in the Court of Claims, to the docket for trial; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Merrimon: A bill (S. 534) for the relief of Henry D. Cooley; the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 535) granting an increase of pension to Theodore Gardner; to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hamlin obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 15) filling an existing vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; which was read a first and second time, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Mitchell,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of P. A. Owen, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the resolution submitted by Mr. Matthews December 6, 1877, and modified by him to read as follows:

Whereas by the act entitled "An act to strengthen the public credit," approved March 18, 1869, it was provided and declared that the faith of the United States was thereby solemnly pledged to the payment in coin or its equivalent of all the interest-bearing obligations of the United States, except in cases where the law authorizing the issue of such obligations had expressly provided that the same might be paid in lawful money or other currency than gold and silver; and

Whereas all the bonds of the United States authorized to be issued by the act entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt," approved July 14, 1870, by the terms of said act were declared to be redeemable in coin of the then present standard value, bearing interest payable semi-annually in such coin; and

Whereas all bonds of the United States authorized to be issued under the act entitled "An act to provide for the resumption of specie payments," approved January 14, 1875, are required to be of the descrip-

tion of bonds of the United States described in the said act of Congress approved July 14, 1870, entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt;" and

Whereas, at the date of the passage of said act of Congress last aforesaid, to wit, the 14th day of July, 1870, the coin of the United States of standard value of that date included silver dollars of the weight of 412½ grains each, declared by the act approved January 18, 1837, entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act establishing a mint and regulating the coins of the United States,'" to be a legal tender of payment, according to their nominal value, for any sums whatever: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring therein), That all the bonds of the United States issued or authorized to be issued under the said acts of Congress hereinbefore recited are payable, principal and interest, at the option of the Government of the United States, in silver dollars, of the coinage of the United States, containing 412½ grains each of standard silver; and that to restore to its coinage such silver coins as a legal tender in payment of said bonds, principal and interest, is not in violation of the public faith nor in derogation of the rights of the public creditor; and

The question being on the motion of Mr. Morrill to refer the resolution to the Committee on the Judiciary,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas.....19 / Nays.....31

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmtive are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Butler, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Edmunds, Hamlin, Hoar, Kernan, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Beck, Booth, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dorsey, Ferry, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Howe, Johnston, Kirkwood, McCreery, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Plumb, Ransom, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Conkling December 10, 1877, viz, strike out the words "the House of Representatives concurring," and in lieu thereof insert the words *and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed to Friday next at one o'clock.

Mr. Cockrell announced the death of the Honorable Lewis V. Bogy, a Senator from the State of Missouri, which occurred during the recess of Congress, September 20, 1877, and submitted the following resolutions; which were considered, by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to:

Resolved, That the Senate has received with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable Lewis V. Bogy, late a Senator of the United States from the State of Missouri.

Resolved, That, as a mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Lewis V. Bogy, the business of the Senate be now suspended, that his former associates may pay proper tribute to his public and private virtues.

Resolved, That, as a further mark of respect for the memory of the

deceased, the members of the Senate will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives.

After addresses by Mr. Cockrell, Mr. Maxey, Mr. Christiancy, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Kernan, Mr. Merrimon, Mr. Sargent, and Mr. Armstrong,

On motion by Mr. Armstrong, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1878.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a draught of a bill, prepared by the Solicitor of the Treasury, for the punishment of persons having in possession dies, molds, &c., for manufacturing counterfeit coin; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and ordered to be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, communicating, in obedience to law, a list of property belonging to the United States in his possession.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report of the Superintendent of the Coast Survey, showing the progress made in the survey of the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific coasts for the year ended June 30, 1877.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the twenty-fifth annual report of the Public Printer; which was referred to the Committee on Printing and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kirkwood presented additional papers in relation to the application of T. A. Walker to be reimbursed the amount of certain moneys paid by him for clerk-hire while acting as register of the United States land office at Des Moines, Iowa; which, with the petition and papers on the files of the Senate, were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Christiancy presented a petition of citizens of Michigan, praying the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any action being taken concerning a revision of tariff duties until after it shall have been ascertained by official inquiry that such action would best promote general prosperity; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Christiancy presented a petition of citizens of Michigan, praying to be allowed arrears of pensions; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Hoar presented two memorials of citizens of Massachusetts, remonstrating against any reduction of the rates of duty on imports, and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented a resolution of the legislature of Wisconsin, in favor of an appropriation for the erection of a light-house and fog-signal on Stannard's Rock, in Lake Superior; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented a resolution of the legislature of Wisconsin, in favor of a survey of Wolf River from Lake Poygan to

the mouth of the Red River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented a resolution of the legislature of Wisconsin, in favor of the passage of a law for the right of way and a grant of land for railroad purposes, to aid in the construction of a railroad through Northern Wisconsin; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Bailey presented the petition of Nancy E. McClelland, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dawes presented a memorial of M. D. and A. W. Hodge, of North Adams, Massachusetts, remonstrating against the extension of the patent of E. N. Horsford for pulverulent acid for raising bread; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Kernan presented a petition of citizens of Oneida County, New York, in behalf of Colonel Peter Claesgens, of Utica, New York, praying that he be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Barnum presented a petition of citizens of New Haven, Connecticut, praying the repeal of the charter of the National Capital Insurance Company of Washington, District of Columbia; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Eustis presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of New Orleans, Louisiana, in favor of the establishment of a steam postal-service between that port and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and also between New Orleans and other foreign ports of this continent south of that city; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Matthews presented a petition of citizens of the District of Columbia, praying an investigation into the law protecting dealers in the sale of intoxicating liquors; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Rollins presented the petiton of Naval Constructor Theodore D. Wilson, United States Navy, praying to have issued to him a new commission as naval constructor, to date April 15, 1871; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Jones, of Nevada,

Ordered, That John M. Dorsey and William F. Shepheard have leave to withdraw their petition from the files of the Senate.

Mr. Ferry, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the petition of J. F. Andrews, reported adversely thereon.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the petition of William Moss, submitted an adverse report (No. 34) thereon; which was agreed to.

Mr. Edmunds, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of William W. Handlin, submitted an adverse report (No. 35) thereon; which was agreed to.

Mr. Wadleigh presented the views of the late Oliver P. Morton, so far as they had been prepared at the time of his death, on the character, extent, and effect of Chinese immigration to the United States; Mr. Morton having, as a member of the committee appointed to investigate that subject, obtained leave to submit the same February 27, 1877, to accompany the report of the committee (No. 689, Forty-fourth Congress).

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and be printed.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Howe: A bill (S. 536) to punish the forcible obstruction of inter-State commerce by railway; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Rollins: A bill (S. 537) for the relief of Naval Constructor Theodore D. Wilson, of the Navy; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Saunders: A bill (S. 538) extending the swamp-land act to the States of Nebraska and Kansas; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Ferry: A bill (S. 539) providing for the classification of mail-matter and rates of postage thereon; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Kirkwood: A bill (S. 540) for the relief of Thomas A. Walker; to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be bound at the Government Printing Office one copy of any public document desired by any Senator for his personal use.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 114. An act to provide for the stamping of unstamped instruments.

H. R. 1074. An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Glasgow, Missouri.

H. R. 789. An act to appropriate money for the purchase of a law library for the Territory of Dakota.

H. R. 1201. An act making an appropriation for the purchase of a law library for the use of the courts and the United States officers in the Territory of Wyoming.

H. R. 1474. An act further to suspend the operations of section 5574 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, title 72, in relation to guano islands.

H. R. 1918. An act for the relief of Milton B. Cushing, paymaster United States Navy.

H. R. 2479. An act for the removal of obstructions from the Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, and Red Rivers, and for the preservation of the public property.

H. R. 2481. An act to retrocede to the Commonwealth of Kentucky jurisdiction to try and punish offenders, except in certain cases, for crimes and misdemeanors committed within the limits of the tract of land lying near the town of Harrodsburg, in Mercer County, in said State, purchased by the United States from Christopher and Theresa Graham.

H. R. 83. Joint resolution accepting a painting tendered by Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (H. R. 2142), I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 2142) to authorize and direct the Secretary of State to affix the great seal of the United States to a document therein stated.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 2142) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bill and joint resolution; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate:

S. 484. A bill to authorize the construction of a bridge abutment and approach within the Fort Riley military reservation.

S. 15. Joint resolution filling an existing vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill and resolution were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. McDonald submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to:

Resolved, That from an earnest desire to show every mark of respect to the memory of the Honorable Oliver P. Morton, late a Senator of the United States from the State of Indiana, and to manifest the high estimate entertained of his eminent public services, his distinguished patriotism, and his usefulness as a citizen, the business of the Senate be now suspended, that the friends and associates of the deceased Senator may pay fitting tribute to his public and private virtues.

Mr. McDonald then submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a widespread and public sorrow on the announcement of his death attested the profound sense of the loss which the whole country has sustained.

Resolved, That, as a mark of respect for the memory of Mr. Morton, the members of the Senate will go into mourning by wearing crape upon the left arm for thirty days.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives.

Resolved, That as an additional mark of respect for the memory of the deceased Senator, the Senate do now adjourn.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions; and,

After addresses by Mr. McDonald, Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Thurman, Mr. Conkling, Mr. Burnside, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Booth, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Wadleigh, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Paddock, Mr. Bruce, and Mr. Voorhees,

The resolutions were unanimously agreed to; and,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1878.

The bills and joint resolution yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 114 and H. R. 2481 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that the bills H. R. 789 and H. R. 1201 be referred to the Committee on Territories; that the bills H. R. 1074 and and H. R. 2479 be referred to the Committee on Commerce; that the bill H. R. 1474 be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; that the bill H. R. 1918 be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs; and that the joint resolution H. R. 83 be referred to the Committee on the Library.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of

War, transmitting, for the information of the Committee on Commerce, a report of Major G. Weitzel, Corps of Engineers, on the superintendence, management, and repair of the Louisville and Portland Canal for the year ending December 31, 1877; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Attorney-General, transmitting, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of December 7, 1877, a list of all criminal prosecutions commenced in the courts of the United States in the district of South Carolina since January 1, 1876, for offenses against the lives, property, and civil rights of any person, with the names of the alleged offenders, and a statement of the disposition of such prosecutions and the dates thereof; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ferry presented a memorial of the Michigan State Grange, praying an appropriation for the construction of a ship-canal across the lower peninsula of Michigan; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of Philip and Thomas Collins, of Philadelphia, praying the restoration of diplomatic relations with Bolivia; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of the daughters of Henry E. Muhlenberg, deceased, late a collector of internal revenue for the ninth district of Pennsylvania, praying to have refunded them the amount of certain moneys alleged to have been embezzled from their father by a clerk in his office; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Memorials, remonstrating against any action being taken concerning a revision of tariff duties until after it shall have been ascertained by official inquiry that such action would best promote general prosperity, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Wallace: Seven memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Barnum: Two memorials of citizens of Connecticut.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented a memorial of the legislature of Wisconsin, in favor of an appropriation to aid in the survey of the Saint Croix River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Grover presented a petition of citizens of Oregon, praying an extension of time for the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Mitchell presented a petition of citizens of Oregon, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the Coquille River in that State; which was referred to Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any change in the tariff laws reducing the rates of duty on foreign goods, and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions, praying the recognition of their claims for pensions of persons who are, as they allege, sufferers by the limitation of an unjust pension law, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Wallace: A petition of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Matthews: A petition of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Whyte: A petition of citizens of Maryland.

Ordered, That they be referrred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of the Board of Trade of Phila-

delphia, praying the establishment of a Department of Commerce; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wallace presented the petition of Caroline M. Egbert, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Barnum presented a petition of the Utah Northern Railroad Company, praying to be allowed a grant of land to aid in the completion of its road and for exemption from taxation; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Conkling presented a resolution of the Board of Trade of Albany and a memorial of merchants and others of Albany, New York, remonstrating against the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver, and in favor of a resumption of specie payments.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Whyte presented a memorial of the Board of Trade of Baltimore, Maryland, praying the passage of a law for the correction of errors in the collection of duties upon imports, whether in favor of the government or against it; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of James A. Bates, praying to be placed on the retired-list of the Army, with the rank and pay of lieutenant-colonel instead of his present rank of captain; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Petitions, praying the passage of a law for the remonetization of silver and making it a legal tender for all debts, dues, and demands whatever, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Wallace: A petition of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: Several petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty upon foreign imports and also against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Wallace: A memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Conkling: A memorial of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Bayard: A memorial of citizens of Delaware.

By Mr. Matthews: A memorial of citizens of Ohio.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Oglesby presented a petition of Daniel and Rebecca Smith, praying to be allowed a pension on account of the services rendered by their son Henry S. Smith, late of Company I, Twelfth Indiana Volunteers; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In answer to the resolution of the Senate of December 6, 1877, I inclose a report made to me by the Attorney-General, the results of which seem to be correct, and which affords the information requested.

R. B. HAYES.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
January 18, 1878.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and be printed.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In response to the resolution of the Senate of the 13th November last, calling for information concerning the cause, numbers engaged, number of lives lost, and probable cost of the late so-called Nez Percés war, I have the honor to submit the accompanying communication from the General of the Army and an extract from the annual report of that officer. Upon the subject of the cost of the Nez Percés war, I submit reports from the Quartermaster-General and the Commissary-General of Subsistence.

R. B. HAYES.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
January 17, 1878.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and be printed.

Mr. Matthews presented a memorial of citizens of Ohio, manufacturers of earthenware, remonstrating against any change in the present rate of duty upon imported earthenware, &c.; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Merrimon presented a memorial of William A. Meloy, praying the passage of a law authorizing and empowering the Secretary of the Interior to execute proper conveyances for certain real estate in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, sold in pursuance of the provisions of the act of May 7, 1822; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Oglesby presented the petition of Melvina A. Maltby, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Plumb presented a petition of soldiers and pensioners in the National Soldiers' Home at Dayton, Ohio, praying to be allowed arrears of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Christiancy, from the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, to whom was referred the bill (S. 46) to enlarge the jurisdiction of the Court of Claims, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Christiancy, from the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, reported a bill (S. 541) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the preparation and publication of a new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States," approved March 2, 1877; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Merrimon: A bill (S. 542) to provide for the conveyance of the low grounds, in the city of Washington, under the provisions of the act of Congress, chapter 96, approved May 7, 1822; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Conover: A bill (S. 543) to amend an act entitled "An act granting the right of way through the public lands to the Jacksonville and Saint Augustine Railroad Company," approved June 7, 1872; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Conover: A bill (S. 544) to change the name of the steamship Valley City; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 545) for reviving and continuing the Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims, and for the distribution of the unappropriated moneys of the Geneva award; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Dawes: A bill (S. 546) to provide a fire-proof building for the use of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the mechanical branches of the Treasury and other Departments; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Wallace: A bill (S. 547) granting a pension to Caroline M. Egbert; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Wallace: A bill (S. 548) for the relief of John C. Comfort; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: A bill (S. 549) for the relief of the heirs of Henry E. Muhlenberg; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Eustis: A bill (S. 550) to authorize the Commissioner of Patents to hear and determine the application of Frederick Cook; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Whyte: A bill (S. 551) to repeal section 2917 of the Revised Statutes, fixing a standard for vinegar; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Whyte: A bill (S. 552) relating to the time when pensions shall begin to run; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Wadleigh: A bill (S. 553) for the relief of William H. Akins and Jacob D. Felthousen, their heirs and assigns; to the Committee on Patents.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 5) authorizing Rear-Admiral William Reynolds, of the United States Navy, to accept certain presents tendered him by the King of Siam; and

It has passed the following bills and joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 376. An act for the payment to the officers and soldiers of the Mexican war of the three months' extra pay provided for by the act of July 19, 1848.

H. R. 912. An act to make persons charged with crimes and offenses competent witnesses in the United States and Territorial courts.

H. R. 927. An act for the relief of James W. Glover, postmaster at Oxford, in the State of New York.

H. R. 1454. An act to change the name of the consulate at Omoa and Truxillo.

H. R. 1651. An act to validate and confirm certain acknowledgments of deeds and other instruments of writing under seal, made in a foreign country, for lands lying in the District of Columbia, and the records thereof.

H. R. 2013. An act to remove the political disabilities of Charles L. Scott, of Wilcox County, Alabama.

H. R. 37. Joint resolution to authorize the Secretary of War to issue certain arms to the Washington Light Infantry of Charleston, South Carolina.

H. R. 55. Joint resolution to authorize Medical Inspector Thomas J. Turner, United States Navy, to accept a diploma of the Order of Kamehameha from the King of the Hawaiian Islands.

H. R. 85. Joint resolution extending the thanks of Congress to Henry M. Stanley.

The bills and joint resolutions last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read, the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 376 and the joint resolution H. R. 37 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that the bills H. R. 912, H. R. 1651, and H. R. 2013 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that the bill H. R. 927 be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads; and that the bill H. R. 1454, and the joint resolutions H. R. 55 and H. R. 85 be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Matthews December 6, 1877, relative to the payment of certain bonds of the United States; and,

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Conkling,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds, at 3 o'clock p. m., the Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1878.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, recommending an examination of a compilation of the records of the late war, on the Federal and Confederate sides, with a view to the publication of the same; which was referred to the Committee on Printing and ordered to be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of January 10, 1878, a copy of a report of Major Suter, Corps of Engineers, upon the survey of the Missouri River at Omaha, Nebraska; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Kernan presented two memorials of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the extension of the patent of E. N. Horsford for pulverulent acid for raising bread; which were referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Kernan presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the repeal of the charter of the National Capitol Insurance Company of Washington, District of Columbia; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Kernan presented a petition of Henry S. Van de Carr and Elsie M. Reynolds, administrators of the estate of Rensselaer Reynolds, deceased, and Gordon B. Reynolds, praying an extension of letters patent for an improvement in brakes for power-looms; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Ferry presented a resolution of the Michigan State Grange, remonstrating against the passage of a bill reducing the duties on foreign wools; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ferry presented a resolution of the Michigan State Grange, in favor of the passage of a law for the protection of purchasers of pat-

ented articles from actions for infringement by the use of such patented articles; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Saunders presented a petition of citizens of Nebraska, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Missouri River at and near Omaha, Nebraska, and Council Bluffs, Iowa; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented a memorial of the legislature of Wisconsin, in favor of an appropriation to aid in the completion of the Sturgeon Bay and Lake Michigan Ship-Canal and Harbor, and to extend the time for the completion thereof; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Howe presented a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in favor of a fair and equitable distribution of the unexpended balance of the Geneva awards; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McCreery presented papers in relation to the application of James C. Rudd for compensation for the use of a building at Owenborough, Kentucky, occupied as a post-office from 1861 to 1875; which were referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Beck presented a petition of citizens of Kentucky, praying a reduction of tax on tobacco; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign goods, and also against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Hoar: Two memorials of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Conkling: Three memorials of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Hamlin: A memorial of citizens of Maine.

By Mr. Wallace: Two memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented papers in relation to the application of William H. Nims, to be allowed a pension; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Conkling presented two memorials of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the extension of the patent of E. N. Horsford for pulverulent acid for raising bread; which were referred to the Committee on Patents.

Petitions, praying a return to specie payments as now provided by law, and for the remonetization of silver, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Wadleigh: Three petitions of citizens of New Hampshire.

By Mr. Wallace: A petition of citizens of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of the Union League Club of Philadelphia, remonstrating against the passage of a law for the remonetization of silver; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented eleven petitions of citizens of New York, praying the repeal of the law providing for a return to specie payments, and in favor of the remonetization of silver.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. McCreery presented the petition of Lena Bensinger, praying to have restored to her certain money alleged to have been wrongfully taken from her late husband, Nathan Bensinger, as surety on the bond of Dohn and Marks, brewers, of Louisville, Kentucky, charged with violating the internal-revenue laws; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Merrimon,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of A. M. Powell, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Merrimon,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of H. H. Helper, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. McDonald,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of George McDougall, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

Ordered, That the petition of Mrs. Mary Dove, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois,

Ordered, That Keler K. Jones have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Paddock,

Ordered, That J. W. Pearman have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate an invitation from the Italian minister at Washington to the members of the Senate to be present at the commemorative services of the late King of Italy, to take place on Tuesday, January 22, 1878, at Saint Aloysius church in said city.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter from the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of December 14, 1877, information in relation to the repair and improvement of streets of said District; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Plumb,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Joseph C. Irwin and William Phillips, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 554) to provide for the improvement of the Osage River in Missouri and Kansas; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 555) establishing certain post-roads in the State of Kansas; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 556) for the relief of Joseph C. Irwin and William Phillips; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Dawes: A bill (S. 557) directing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase certain property of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company for the use of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Chaffee: A bill (S. 558) declaratory of the meaning and intendment of the fifteenth section of the act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes, approved July 1, 1862,'" approved July 2, 1864; and also to amend the act of Congress, approved June 20, 1874, entitled "An act making additions to the fifteenth section of the act approved July 2, 1864, entitled 'An act to amend an act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the

same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862,'" and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McCreery: A bill (S. 559) for the relief of James C. Rudd; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Conkling: A bill (S. 560) for the relief of William A. Hammond, late Surgeon-General of the Army; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Conkling: A bill (S. 561) granting increased pension to William H. Nims; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Jones, of Florida: A bill (S. 562) for the relief of William Marvin; to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

By Mr. Eustis: A bill (S. 563) to authorize the establishment of mail steamship service between the United States and the Empire of Brazil; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. McDonald: A bill (S. 564) to establish a mint for the coinage of gold and silver at Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana, and appropriating certain government grounds and buildings to the use of the same, as also money for the purchase of the necessary machinery; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: A bill (S. 565) authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar and providing that gold and silver, jointly, and not otherwise, shall be a full legal tender; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Eaton: A bill (S. 566) in relation to the Venezuelan Mixed Commission; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. Eaton: A bill (S. 567) for the relief of William Carruthers; and

A bill (S. 568) for the relief of Captain James A. Bates; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Eaton: A bill (S. 569) for the relief of the sureties of E. K. Winship, late assistant paymaster United States Navy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Wadleigh: A bill (S. 570) to enable Moses Marshall to have a hearing before the Commissioner of Patents; and

A bill (S. 571) to enable Albert Fuller to have a hearing before the Commissioner of Patents; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Matthews: A bill (S. 572) to incorporate the Rand Gas-Light Company of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Beck submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Whereas it is of the highest importance in the present depressed condition of the industries of the people that taxation should be reduced to the lowest point consistent with a faithful discharge of the obligations of the government and an economical administration of its affairs; and

Whereas the Secretary of the Treasury, in his estimates of the sums to be provided by the present Congress, includes $37,196,045.04 to be applied during the next fiscal year in the purchase of United States bonds under the provisions of the acts of February 25, 1862, and July 14, 1870, providing a sinking-fund for the extinction of the national debt; and

Whereas the last Secretary of the Treasury, in his annual report to the Forty-fourth Congress in December, 1876, showed that up to July 1, 1876, the literal compliance with the provisions of said laws from the time they went into effect required the application of $433,848,215.37 to

the purposes provided for in said acts, and that $658,992,226.14 had been so applied, being an excess of $225,144,010.77 over the amount required by the law to be so applied up to that date; and

Whereas the present Secretary of the Treasury, in his report to this Congress in December last, after repeating the statements of his predecessor upon that subject, says: "On the same basis the amount of the sinking-fund would have reached $475,318,888.78 on the 1st of July, 1877, on which date the reduction of the debt, including accrued interest, less cash in the Treasury, since its highest point in 1865, amounted to $696,273,348.17, or $220,954,459.39 in excess of the amount required by law to be provided for that fund": Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is unnecessary and inexpedient either to maintain or impose taxes at this time for the purpose of providing for the $37,196,045.04 asked for by the Secretary of the Treasury in his estimates for the purpose of providing further for the sinking-fund, and that the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed not to purchase any bonds for the reduction of the principal of the national debt till the further order of Congress; and that the committees of Congress having charge of the subject be, and they are hereby, instructed not to provide for the payment during the next fiscal year of any part of said sum in the adjustment of the taxation required for the maintenance and support of the government.

Mr. Thurman submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Whereas the President of the Senate has laid before it a letter to him from the Italian minister, stating "that a commemorative service for His Majesty, the late King of Italy, Victor Emanuel II, will take place on Tuesday, the 22d instant, at half past 10 o'clock a. m., in the church of Saint Aloysius, and that seats will be kept for the honorable members of the United States Senate who would honor the ceremony by their presence"; Therefore,

Be it resolved, That when the Senate adjourns it be to half past one o'clock to-morrow, in order to allow Senators to attend said commemorative service.

Mr. Burnside withdrew the motion submitted by him on the 10th instant to reconsider the vote agreeing to the resolution directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire and report upon what action had been taken by any department of the government in the matter of the restoration of Benjamin P. Runkle to his former position in the Army.

On motion by Mr. Anthony that the Senate reconsider its vote agreeing to the resolution instructing the Committee on Naval Affairs to inquire into the alleged reinstatement or restoration of Lemuel J. Draper to the position formerly held by him in the Medical Corps of the Navy,

Ordered, That the consideration of the motion be postponed to to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the bill of the Senate (S. 412) to punish embezzlement in the District of Columbia and to protect the records of said District, and for other purposes, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate; and

It has passed a bill (H. R. 2057) to amend the charter of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States has informed the House of Rep-

resentatives that he approved and signed, on the 14th instant, an act (H. R. 1637) establishing post-roads; and

He approved and signed, on the 18th instant, an act (H. R. 2142) to authorize and direct the Secretary of State to affix the great seal of the United States to a certain document therein stated.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its last adjournment, viz, the resolution submitted by Mr. Matthews December 6, 1877, relative to the payment of certain bonds of the United States; and

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said resolution; and

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Conkling,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds, at 4 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1878.

The bill (H. R. 2057) yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 412) to punish embezzlement in the District of Columbia and to protect the records of said District, and for other purposes; and,

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Oglesby presented the petition of Martha C. Kendall, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Christiancy presented a petition of citizens of Utah Territory, praying the passage of a law changing the place for holding terms of the United States court in the second judicial district of that Territory; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Maxey presented a petition of citizens of Lamar County, Texas, praying the establishment of a post-route from Paris to Goodland, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented a petition of the Grand Lodge of Honor of Wisconsin, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in alcoholic liquors; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Oglesby presented a memorial of citizens of Chicago, Illinois, remonstrating against an extension of the patent to E. N. Horsford for the manufacture of an acid substitute for cream of tartar, used for culinary purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Oglesby presented a petition of citizens of Plano, Illinois, in behalf of Mrs. Mary E. Lowe, praying that she be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. McDonald presented a petition of citizens of Fort Wayne, Indiana, praying an amendment to section 3387 of the Revised Statutes, in

relation to what constitutes the premises or apartments of a cigar-manufacturer; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Withers presented a petition of depositors in the Richmond, Virginia, Branch of Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, praying to have refunded them the amount of their deposits in said institution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Howe presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, praying an appropriation for the completion of the breakwater and the entrance to the harbor of refuge in Sturgeon Bay; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Whyte presented a memorial of business men of Baltimore, New York, and other cities, remonstrating against any increase in the rates of duty on vinegar; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Whyte presented a memorial of William Chandler, late a commander in the United States Navy, praying to be allowed the difference between the leave-pay of a lieutenant and that of a commander from September 14, 1855, to December 22, 1858; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Dawes presented a resolution of the Fall River Manufacturers' Board of Trade, remonstrating against the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Withers presented resolutions adopted at a public meeting of citizens of Alexandria, Virginia, in favor of the remonetization of silver and for the resumption of specie payments; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wadleigh presented the petition of Edmund R. Batchelder, late of Company B, Eleventh New Hampshire Volunteers, praying to be restored to the pension-rolls; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Memorials, remonstrating against any action being taken concerning a revision of tariff duties until after it shall have been ascertained by official inquiry that such action would best promote general prosperity, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Conkling: A memorial of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Kernan: Two memorials of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Ferry: A memorial of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Burnside: Two memorials of citizens of Rhode Island.

By Mr. Wallace: A memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Matthews: Two memorials of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Anthony: A memorial of citizens of Rhode Island.

By Mr. Allison: A memorial of citizens of Iowa.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Armstrong presented the petition of Virginia Gardner, widow of Commodore William H. Gardner, deceased, late of the United States Navy, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Windom presented a memorial of citizens of Minnesota, remonstrating against an extension of E. N. Horsford's patent for an acid substitute for cream of tartar, for culinary purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, communicating his views in relation to the bill (S. 165) to reimburse the State of Texas for expenses incurred in repelling invasions by Indians and Mexicans; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Maxey presented a petition of citizens of Texas, praying the establishment of a post-route from Trio Town to McKinney's Store, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Ferry presented the petition of Horace A. Stone, of Battle Creek, Michigan, praying an extension of his patent for an improvement in the manufacture of cheese; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Memorial, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty upon foreign imports, and against the restoration of duties on tea and coffee, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: Four memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. White: A memorial of citizens of Maryland.

By Mr. Rollins: A memorial of citizens of New Hampshire.

By Mr. Matthews: Two memorials of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Conkling: A memorial of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Wadleigh: A memorial of citizens of New Hampshire.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McMillan presented a petition of citizens of Minnesota, praying the establishment of a post-route from Benson to White Bear Centre, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Mitchell presented several petitions of citizens of Oregon, praying an extension of time for the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and for aid in the construction of the Portland, Salt Lake and South Pass Railroad; which were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Booth presented two memorials of citizens of California, remonstrating against any extension of time being made for the completion of the Southern Pacific Railroad; which were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Plumb presented a memorial of J. K. McLean, praying compensation for services rendered as postmaster at Florence, Kansas; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Petitions, praying the remonetization of silver, and for the repeal of the act providing for the resumption of specie payments January 1, 1879; were presented as follows:

By Mr. Conkling: Ten petitions of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Kernan: Nine petitions of citizens of New York.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented papers in relation to the application of Major Benjamin P. Runkle to be restored to the retired-list of the Army; which were, with the papers on the files of the Senate, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hoar presented a petition of citizens of Massachusetts, praying the passage of a law providing that hereafter no portion of the public lands shall be either sold or given away to individuals or corporations, and that a certain portion thereof, as prescribed in the homestead bill, may be set apart to actual settlers, for which an annual rental shall be paid; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Booth presented a petition of citizens of Arizona, praying the passage of a law for the protection of their interests in Mexican land-grants in that Territory; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

Mr. Paddock presented thirty-one petitions of citizens of the United States, praying the passage of a law to amend the statutes in relation

to the immediate transportation of imported merchandise; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dorsey presented six petitions of citizens of Hot Springs, Arkansas, praying an amendment to the act of March 3, 1877, in relation to the Hot Springs reservation, so as to authorize them to present their applications to the commissioners appointed under said act for the purchase of certain grounds, and improvements made thereon, as other lessees are allowed to do; which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Conkling presented papers relating to the application of Edwin M. Hart for relief from liability for loss of moneys alleged to have been abstracted from him while a paymaster in the Navy; which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Hamlin,

Ordered, That the report of the select committee appointed to investigate the subject of Chinese immigration be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That the petition of citizens of San Francisco relative to the subject of Chinese immigration, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the following bills, reported them with amendments:

S. 265. A bill to remit taxes on insolvent savings-banks.

H. R. 542. An act to change the location and name of the Miners' National Bank of Braidwood, Illinois.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 376) for the payment to the officers and soldiers of the Mexican war of the three months' extra pay provided for by the act of July 19, 1848, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 37) thereon.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 252) for the relief of W. D. Rollyson, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 36) thereon.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 505) for the relief of Henry Romeyn, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bills (S. 252 and S. 505) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 217) for the relief of John A. Shaw, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 38) thereon.

On motion by Mr. McDonald,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 564) to establish a mint for the coinage of gold and silver at Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana, and appropriating certain government grounds and buildings to the use of the same, as also money for the purchase of the necessary machinery, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 573) for the relief of the officers and privates of the Fourth Arkansas Cavalry Volunteers; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Dawes: A bill (S. 574) to authorize the taking of certain parcels of land for the Congressional Library, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. McMillan: A bill (S. 575) to establish a post route in Minnesota; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Paddock: A bill (S. 576) to amend the statutes in relation to immediate transportation of imported merchandise; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Harris: A bill (S. 577) to provide for the appointment of a district judge for the western district of Tennessee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Conkling: A bill (S. 578) for the relief of Edwin M. Hart; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 579) making an appropriation for the survey of the waters of the Pacific Ocean at Cape Foulweather, in the State of Oregon, with a view of determining the practicability and cost of constructing a harbor of refuge at that point; and

A bill (S. 580) providing for the survey of Alsea River and Harbor, and buoying the same; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 881) for the improvement of the military wagon-road from Scottsburg, Oregon, to Camp Stewart, Oregon; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 582) providing for the payment of counsel-fees in Osage ceded-land suits; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 583) for the relief of J. K. McLean; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Butler: A bill (S. 584) to repeal section 3412 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, the same being section 122 of the national bank act; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 585) to amend section 2763 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to the employment of boats by collectors of customs; to the Committee on Commerce.

In pursuance of notice heretofore given, Mr. Hamlin submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the thanks of Congress be presented to the governor, and through him to the people of the State of Maine, for the statue of William King, whose name is so honorably identified with the early history of that State.

Resolved, That this work of art is accepted in the name of the nation, and assigned a place in the old hall of the House of Representatives, already set aside by act of Congress for statues of eminent citizens, and that a copy of this resolution, signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, be transmitted to the governor of the State of Maine.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolutions; and

The resolutions were unanimously agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and,

After the consideration of executive business, the doors were opened; and,

On motion by Mr. Windom, at 4 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1878.

Mr. Cockrell presented the petition of Mrs. Erna J. Crain, praying to be allowed the pension, bounty, and pay alleged to be due her father, George Smith, late a private in Company G, Ninety-fourth Illinois Volunteers; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Eaton presented a petition of Professor Newton and others, of Yale College, New Haven, praying the passage of a law for the removal of the Naval Observatory to a better locality, and to secure to it a fireproof building.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Memorials, remonstrating against any action being taken concerning a revision of tariff duties until after it shall have been ascertained by official inquiry that such action would best promote general prosperity, were presented, as follows:

By Mr. Thurman: Two memorials of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: A memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign imports, and against the restoration of duties on tea and coffee, were presented, as follows:

By Mr. Hamlin: A memorial of citizens of Maine.

By Mr. Matthews: A memorial of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Oglesby: A memorial of citizens of Illinois.

By Mr. Randolph: Three memorials of citizens of New Jersey.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: Two memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Dawes: Three memorials of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Beck: A memorial of citizens of Kentucky.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A memorial of citizens of Illinois.

By Mr. Kirkwood: A memorial of citizens of Iowa.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kirkwood presented a memorial of citizens of Iowa, remonstrating against the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dawes presented a memorial of citizens of Massachusetts, in favor of a return to specie payments as now provided by law, and maintaining gold as the only legal-tender money; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kernan presented nine petitions of citizens of New York, praying the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver and for the repeal of the so-called resumption act; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any legislation affecting or changing the present duty on imported corks; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the recognition of their claims for pensions, who are, as they allege, sufferers by the limitation of an unwise pension law; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sargent presented numerous petitions of citizens of California, praying that aid be granted in the construction and completion of the Texas Pacific Railroad; which were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Morgan presented a memorial of a committee appointed by a convention of the people of the Tennessee Valley, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Tennessee River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Rogers, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In answer to the resolution of the Senate of November 16, 1877, I transmit reports made to me by the Attorney-General and the Secretary of the Navy.

R. B. HAYES.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
January 23, 1878.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Massachusetts in relation to the future disposition of the public lands, and that it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 15) filling an existing vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 1989. An act to authorize Spencer F. Baird, assistant secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, to receive from the King of Sweden a diploma and medal, constituting him a member of the Norwegian Order of Saint Olaf, the same being a literary and scientific organization.

H. R. 47. Joint resolution authorizing Rear-Admiral John J. Almy, United States Navy, to accept a decoration from the King of the Hawaiian Islands.

The bill and joint resolution last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Edmunds, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2013) to remove the political disabilities of Charles L. Scott, of Wilcox County, Alabama, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 33) for the relief of R. W. Corbin and others, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 42) thereon.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 196) to further define the rights of persons with respect to homestead entries on the public domain, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 43) thereon.

Mr. Hereford, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 101) for the relief of Susan J. Berry, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 41) thereon.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 256) for the relief of Israel Yount, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 39) thereon.

Mr. Edmunds, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 316) to remove the political disabilities of Charles L. Scott, of Wilcox County, Alabama, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 388) for the relief of the heirs of the late William A. Burt, inventor of the solar compass adopted and used in the public surveys of the United States, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 40) thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bills (S. 101, S. 256, S. 316, and S. 388) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Paddock: A bill (S. 586) to sell certain public lands to the Beatrice and Denver City Railroad Company, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: A bill (S. 587) for the relief of Edward H. Leib; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 588) to change the rank of Robert C. Buchanan, colonel, on the retired list of the Army; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 589) to reimburse the State of Oregon for moneys paid by said State in the suppression of Indian hostilities during the Modoc war, in the years 1872 and 1873; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 590) for the improvement of the Umpqua River, in the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 591) making an appropriation for a military wagon-road from Ellensburg, at the mouth of Rogue River, in the State of Oregon, via the mouth of Illinois River, through Josephine and Jackson Counties, to Jacksonville, Oregon,

And a bill (S. 592) for the relief of Captain P. A. Owen; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Kellogg: A bill (S. 593) granting a pension to Margaret R. Coloney; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 594) for the relief of William W. Speirs, late assistant surgeon United States Army; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Rollins: A bill (S. 595) to further define and enlarge the powers and duties of the board of health of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Ferry: A bill (S. 596) to regulate the compensation of postmasters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Gordon: A bill (S. 598) for the relief of Samuel I. Gustin; to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Blaine obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 597) to authorize the coinage of silver dollars for circulation, and to make the same a legal tender, and for other purposes; which was read a first and second time, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Cockrell submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That twelve thousand copies of the eulogies delivered in the two houses of

Congress upon the late Lewis V. Bogy, late United States Senator from the State of Missouri, be printed, four thousand for the use of the Senate and eight thousand for the use of the House of Representatives, and that the Secretary of the Treasury have printed the portrait of Mr. Bogy to accompany the same.

Mr. McDonald submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That twelve thousand copies of the eulogies delivered in the two houses of Congress upon the late Oliver P. Morton, late United States Senator from the State of Indiana, be printed, four thousand for the use of the Senate and eight thousand for the use of the House of Representatives, and that the Secretary of the Treasury have printed the portrait of Mr. Morton to accompany the same.

On motion by Mr. Beck,

Ordered, That the petition of Martha G. Vaughn and Louisa Jackman, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Anthony on the twenty-first instant, that the Senate reconsider its vote agreeing to the resolution instructing the Committee on Naval Affairs to inquire into the alleged reinstatement or restoration of Lemuel J. Draper to the position formerly held by him in the Medical Corps of the Navy, and

The motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Anthony to amend the resolution by striking out "Naval Affairs" and in lieu thereof inserting *the Judiciary*, it was determined in the affirmative, and the resolution as amended was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the alleged reinstatement or restoration of Lemuel J. Draper to the position formerly held by him in the Medical Corps of the Navy, and to report the facts touching his original appointment; any allegations of misconduct on his part, if such there were; the action, if any, of the government or Navy Department thereon; his alleged resignation and the facts relating thereto; whether he ceased to be an officer of the Navy, and, if so, when; whether any, and if so, what, proceeding or action designed to effect his reinstatement or restoration has been taken by any officer or department of the government; whether any money has been paid on behalf of the government to said Draper or to his account, and, if so, by whom authorized and paid, and by whom received, and from what fund, and the amount thereof; and whether such action as has been taken was and is legal and warrantable; said committee shall have power to send for persons and papers.

And that the said Dr. Draper shall be notified and may be present, personally or by counsel, if he desires, to explain to the committee any allegation of misconduct against him laid before said committee.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in the Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 493) to provide for the removal of the Naval Observatory; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Naval Affairs having been agreed to in part, and

A further amendment having been proposed by Mr. Thurman,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to morrow.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Matthews December 6, 1877, relative to the payment of certain bonds of the United States; and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Anthony, at 4 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1878.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of January 15, 1878, a copy of the report of Indian Inspector E. C. Watkins, in relation to the consolidation of Indian agencies in the Colville country; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

The Vice President laid before the Senate the petition of Edward Perry, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Resolutions, in favor of an extension of time for the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: Resolutions of the Chamber of Commerce of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

By Mr. Howe: Resolutions of the Chamber of Commerce of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Dawes presented the petition of John R. Bond, of Port Deposit, Maryland, praying compensation for services rendered as purser in the United States Navy; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Saulsbury: A petition of the Second Reformed Presbyterian Church of New York.

By Mr. Dawes: A petition of the Temperance Alliance of Massachusetts.

By Mr. McDonald: A petition of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Knightstown, Indiana.

By Mr. Cockrell: A petition of citizens of Breckenridge, Missouri.

By Mr. Paddock: A petition of citizens of Nebraska.

By Mr. Hoar: A petition of citizens of South Dartmouth, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Edmunds: A petition of the Methodist Episcopal Church of New York.

By Mr. Kernan: Two petitions of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Hamlin: A petition of citizens of Brooklyn, New York.

By Mr. Morrill: A petition of the Woman's Temperance Union of Washington, District of Columbia.

By Mr. McPherson: A petition of the Temperance Alliance of Gloucester, New Jersey.

By Mr. Allison: A petition of citizens of Iowa.

By Mr. Barnum: A petition of citizens of Patterson, New York.

By Mr. Anthony: A petition of the Grace Methodist Church of Newburg, New York.

By Mr. Bayard: A petition of citizens of Camden, Delaware.

By Mr. Wallace: A petition of Good Templars of Ulster, Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Matthews: A petition of citizens of Sparta, Ohio.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A petition of citizens of Lynden, Illinois.

By the Vice-President: A petition of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of New York.

By Mr. Christiancy: A petition of citizens of Northville, Michigan.

By Mr. Oglesby: A petition of the Presbyterian Church of Princeton, Illinois.

By Mr. McMillan: A petition of citizens of Saint Paul, Minnesota.

By Mr. Wadleigh: A petition of the Freeville Baptist Church of Ashland, New Hampshire.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: A petition of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. McCreery: A petition of citizens of Illinois.

By Mr. Mitchell. A petition of citizens of Illinois.

By Mr. Sargent: A petition of Good Templars of Montana Territory.

By Mr. Withers: A petition of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Illinois.

By Mr. Burnside: A petition of citizens of Long Island, New York.

By Mr. Howe: A petition of citizens of Fort Howard, Wisconsin.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dennis presented a petition of citizens of Somerset County, Maryland, praying the establishment of a post-office on Smith's Island, in that county; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Memorials, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign imports, and against the restoration of duties on tea and coffee, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Eaton: Two memorials of citizens of Connecticut.

By Mr. Ferry: A memorial of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Dawes: A memorial of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: Nine memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A memorial of citizens of Illinois.

By Mr. Wadleigh: A memorial of citizens of New Hampshire.

By Mr. McPherson: A memorial of citizens of New Jersey.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kernan presented the petition of Hugh B. Rorke, praying an amendment to the patent laws so as to provide a penalty for the manufacture of patented articles, knowing the same to be patented, without the consent of the patentee; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the passage of a law granting pensions to soldiers in the late war from the date of their discharge from service; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petitions, praying the remonetization of silver and for the repeal of the law providing for the resumption of specie payments, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: A petition of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Howe: A petition of the Springdale Grange of Wisconsin.

By Mr. Kernan: Ten petitions of citizens of New York.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hamlin, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom were

referred the following joint resolutions, reported them without amendment:

H. R. 55. Joint resolution to authorize Medical Inspector Thomas J. Turner, United States Navy, to accept a diploma of the order of Kamehameha from the King of the Hawaiian Islands.

H. R. 85. Joint resolution extending the thanks of Congress to Henry M. Stanley.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. McDonald on the 23d instant, to print the eulogies delivered in the two houses of Congress on the late Oliver P. Morton, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution; and

The resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Cockrell on the 23d instant, to print the eulogies delivered in the two houses of Congress on the late Lewis V. Bogy, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution; and

The resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A bill (S. 599) to authorize the killing of fur-seals and other fur-bearing animals within the limits of Alaska Territory; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 600) in relation to certificates of assessment for special improvements in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Teller: A bill (S. 601) to regulate Indian affairs; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Dawes: A bill (S. 602) for the relief of John R. Bond, late of the United States Navy; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Cockrell: A bill (S. 603) for the relief of Thomas H. Bradley; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Beck submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be directed to inquire into and report the expediency of abolishing the separate index now required for the Congressional Record, and for the restoration of the index into each volume.

Mr. Hamlin submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Appropriations be directed to examine into the affairs of the Freedmen's Hospital of the District of Columbia, and ascertain its condition and general management; and that they call upon the Secretary of the Interior and request from him such information as he may have relating to its general management, and economical administration, and that they make such further investigations into all its departments as in their judgment the public interests may require.

Mr. Burnside submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That Colonel B. P. Runkle shall be notified by the Committee on the Judiciary when his case is taken up, and may be present personally or by counsel at such time, and, if he desires, may personally or by said counsel be heard upon his case.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution; and,

The resolution having been amended on the motion of Mr. Edmunds by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

That the following clause in the resolution of the Senate of the twenty-third instant instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the alleged reinstatement or restoration of Lemuel J. Draper to his former position in the Navy, and the facts connected therewith, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded:

"And that the said Doctor Draper shall be notified and may be present personally or by counsel, if he desires to explain to the committee any allegation of misconduct against him laid before said committee;

The resolution as amended was agreed to."

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 542) to change the location and name of the Miners' National Bank of Braidwood, Illinois; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Finance having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 493) to provide for the removal of the Naval Observatory; and the bill having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Sargent, by striking out all after the enacting clause and in lieu thereof inserting certain words, was reported to the Senate; and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act to appoint a commission to ascertain the cost of removing the Naval Observatory."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled joint resolutions (S. R. 5 and S. R. 15), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following joint resolutions:

S. 5. Joint resolution authorizing Rear-Admiral William Reynolds, of the United States Navy, to accept certain presents tendered him by the King of Siam.

S. 15. Joint resolution filling an existing vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Vice-President signed the two enrolled joint resolutions last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the resolution submitted by Mr. Matthews December 6, 1877, relative to the payment of certain bonds of the United States; and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois, at 4 o'clock and 30 minutes p. m., The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1878.

Mr. Bailey presented petitions, praying compensation for the alleged use and occupancy of property by the United States military authorities during the late civil war, as follows:

A petition of Mrs. E. L. Eblin, of Bradley County, Tennessee.

A petition of Mrs. J. R. Boyd, of Tennessee.

A petition of W. H. Sneed, of Tennessee.

A petition of D. A. Dedrick, of Tennessee.

A petition of Peter Stout, of Knox County, Tennessee.

A petition of George M. Hazen, of Tennessee.

A petition of Mrs. M. A. McClanahan, of Knoxville, Tennessee.

A petition of Phil T. Moser, of Jefferson County, Tennessee.

A petition of James S. Campbell and others, trustees of the Pleasant Forest Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

A petition of the commissioners of Campbell County, Tennessee.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Howe presented the annual report of the Librarian of Congress for the year 1877; which was ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Howe to print five hundred extra copies of the foregoing report,

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Thurman: A petition of citizens of Salem, Ohio.

By Mr. Wadleigh: A petition of citizens of New Hampshire.

By Mr. Conkling: A petition of the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York.

By Mr. Ferry: A petition of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Blaine: A petition of citizens of Dexter, Maine.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented papers in relation to the application of Theodore C. Ray for an increase of pension; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Conkling presented the petition of James Evans, praying payment of balance of bounty claimed to be due him under his enlistment as a veteran volunteer; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Harris presented resolutions adopted at a meeting of the sour-mash distillers of Tennessee, in favor of a reduction of the tax on whisky, that the period of bonding be extended, and that the tax be collected only on whisky actually withdrawn from bonded warehouse; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign imports, and against the restoration of duties on tea and coffee, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: Two memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Wadleigh: Two memorials of citizens of New Hampshire.

By Mr. Conkling: Two memorials of citizens of New York.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Edmunds presented a petition of citizens of Vermont, praying the recognition of their claims for pensions, who are, as they allege, sufferers by the limitations of an unwise pension law; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Hamilton presented the petition of Arcadius Pettingill, of Wayne, Maine, praying to be allowed a pension on account of services rendered during the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of the Maritime Association of New York, remonstrating against the remonetization of silver and making it an unlimited legal-tender; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Butler presented resolutions of the Chamber of Commerce of Charleston, South Carolina, against the remonetization of silver and the repeal of the resumption act, and in favor of re-establishing the office of assistant treasurer of the United States at Charleston.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Petitions, praying the remonetization of silver and the repeal of the law providing for the resumption of specie payments on January 1, 1879, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Kernan: Eleven petitions of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Conkling: Twenty petitions of citizens of New York.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kernan presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against an extension of the patent of E. N. Horsford for an acid substitute for cream of tartar for culinary purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

On motion by Mr. McDonald,

Ordered, That the papers on file in relation to the application of William M. Kendall, late of the Seventy-third Indiana Volunteers, to be allowed the difference of pay between that of captain and major from September 1, 1864, to May 16, 1865, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Thomas H. Bradley, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2479) for the removal of obstructions from the Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, and Red Rivers, and for the preservation of the public property, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Dawes, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. R. 9) authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the custom-house at Memphis to be constructed of Tennessee marble, reported it with a recommendation to strike out all after the resolving clause.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds having been disagreed to, and no further amendment having been proposed, the resolution was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "(S. 608.) An act authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Treasury to cause the custom-house at Memphis to be constructed of Tennessee marble."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 604) for the relief of John Bowles; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. McDonald: A bill (S. 605) for the relief of William M. Kendall; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 606) granting a pension to Shadrack M. B. Johnson; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Conkling: A bill (S. 607) granting an increase of pension to Theodore C. Ray; to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Mitchell submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That one thousand additional copies of Senate bill number 238, providing for the extension of the Northern Pacific Railroad, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled joint resolutions:

S. 5. Joint resolution authorizing Rear-Admiral William Reynolds, of the United States Navy, to accept certain presents tendered him by the King of Siam.

S. 15. Joint resolution filling an existing vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 542) to change the location and name of the Miners' National Bank of Braidwood, Illinois.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill of the Senate (S. 461) to further regulate the purchase of material for the public printing and binding, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate; and

It has passed a bill (H. R. 2478) to amend certain sections of titles forty-eight and fifty-two of the Revised Statutes of the United States, concerning commerce and navigation and the regulation of steam-vessels, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 2478) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 461) to further regulate the purchase of materials for the public printing and binding; and

Ordered, That the said bill and amendment be referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion by Mr. Morrill, the Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 265) to remit taxes on insolvent savings-banks; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Finance having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate.

On the question to concur in the amendment made in the Committee of the Whole, an amendment was proposed by Mr. Rollins; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the resolutions submitted by Mr. Matthews December 6, 1877, as follows:

Whereas, by the act entitled "An act to strengthen the public credit," approved March eighteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, it was provided and declared that the faith of the United States was thereby solemnly pledged to the payment in coin, or its equivalent, of all the interest-bearing obligations of the United States, except in cases where the law authorizing the issue of such obligations had expressly provided that the same might be paid in lawful money or other currency than gold and silver; and

Whereas all the bonds of the United States authorized to be issued by the act entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt," approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, by the terms of said act were declared to be redeemable in coin of the then present standard value, bearing interest payable semi-annually in such coin; and

Whereas all bonds of the United States authorized to be issued under the act entitled "An act to provide for the resumption of specie payments," approved January fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, are required to be of the description of bonds of the United States described in the said act of Congress approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt;" and

Whereas, at the date of the passage of said act of Congress last aforesaid, to wit, the fourteenth day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy, the coin of the United States of standard value of that date included silver dollars of the weight of four hundred and twelve and a half grains each, declared by the act approved January eighteenth, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act establishing a mint and regulating the coins of the United States,'" to be a legal tender of payment, according to their nominal value, for any sums whatever: Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring therein), That all the bonds of the United States issued, or authorized to be issued, under the said acts of Congress hereinbefore recited are payable, principal and interest, at the option of the Government of the United States, in silver dollars, of the coinage of the United States, containing four hundred and twelve and a half grains each of standard silver; and that to restore to its coinage such silver coins as a legal tender in payment of said bonds, principal and interest, is not in violation of the public faith, nor in derogation of the rights of the public creditor.

And

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said resolution; and,

The question being on the amendment submitted by Mr. Conkling, viz:

Strike out, in the first line of the resolution, the words "the House of Representatives concurring therein," and insert *and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 23 / Nays 39

The yeas and nays having been heretofore ordered,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Burnside, Chaffee, Christiancy, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Edmunds, Hamlin, Kernan, Lamar, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Plumb, Ransom, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Wallace, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds to amend the resolution by striking out, after the word "interest," in the fourth line, the words "at the option of the Government of the United States, in silver dollars, of the coinage of the United States, containing four hundred and twelve and a half grains each of standard silver; and that to restore to its coinage such silver coins as a legal tender in payment of said bonds, principal and interest, is not in violation of the public faith, nor in derogation of the rights of the public creditor," and in lieu thereof inserting, *in gold coin or its equivalent; and that any other payment without the consent of the creditor would be in violation of the public faith, and in derogation of his rights*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 18 / Nays 44

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

The and yeas nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Burnside, Christiancy, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Edmunds, Hamlin, Kernan, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Morrill to amend the resolution by striking out the words "are payable" in the third line, and inserting in lieu thereof the words, *will be payable if the silver bill should become the law of the land;* also, strike out the word "is" in line 8 of the resolution, and insert the word *if;* and after the word "creditor," in the last line, insert, *will be detrimental to the economical interests of the government and people*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 14 / Nays 41

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Burnside, Conkling, Dawes,

Eaton, Hamlin, Kernan, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds that the resolution be postponed indefinitely,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 22 / Nays 43

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Burnside, Christiancy, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Edmunds, Hamlin, Kernan, Lamar, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Plumb, Ransom, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed,

On the question to agree to the resolution, as follows:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring therein), That all the bonds of the United States issued, or authorized to be issued, under the said acts of Congress hereinbefore recited are payable, principal and interest, at the option of the Government of the United States, in silver dollars, of the coinage of the United States, containing four hundred and twelve and a half grains each of standard silver; and that to restore to its coinage such silver coins as a legal tender in payment of said bonds, principal and interest, is not in violation of the public faith, nor in derogation of the rights of the public creditor,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 43 / Nays 22

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Plumb, Ransom, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Burnside, Christiancy,

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Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh,
om.

the resolution was agreed to.

motion by Mr. Edmunds to amend the preamble of the resolution
to read as follows:

oposed amendment in italics.)

ereas by the act entitled "An act to strengthen the public credit,"
ved March eighteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, it was
led and declared that the faith of the United States was thereby
nly pledged to the payment in coin, or its equivalent, of all the
st-bearing obligations of the United States, except in cases where
w authorizing the issue of such obligations had expressly provided
he same might be paid in lawful money or other currency than
nd silver: and

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ct were declared to be redeemable in coin of the then present stand-
alue, bearing interest payable semi-annually in such coin; and

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t entitled "An act to provide for the resumption of specie pay-
," approved January fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-
re required to be of the description of bonds of the United States
bed in the said act of Congress approved July fourteenth, eighteen
ed and seventy, entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the
al debt"; and

ereas at the date of the passage of said act of Congress last afore-
to wit, the fourteenth day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy,
in of the United States of standard value of that date included
dollars of the weight of four hundred and twelve and a half grains
declared by the act approved January eighteenth, eighteen hun-
nd thirty-seven, entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled
ct establishing a mint and regulating the coins of the United
s," to be a legal tender of payment, according to their nominal
, for any sums whatever; *and*

ereas it appears from the records of the mint that the total coinage
silver dollar has been eight million forty-five thousand eight hundred
irty-eight dollars; and

ereas the silver dollar of the United States had been long obsolete
substantial part of the money of the country, and that which had
o coined almost entirely converted into other forms of metal, and did
ist at the time of the making of any of the existing loans of the United
, or those from which existing loans have been refunded; and

ereas by the provisions of the coinage act of eighteen hundred and
y-three, passed on the twelfth of February of that year, and of the Re-
Statutes, enacted on the first day of December of that year, all provis-
f law authorizing the coinage of such silver dollar were repealed; and

ereas, since the passage of said last-mentioned acts, gold coin, which
ason of the premises has been the only existing lawful coin tender
andard of value for all payments above the sum of five dollars, as it
en the only one in fact for many years before, the United States has
ced in gold coin from the people of this and other countries the sum of
s than five hundred and ninety-two million nine hundred and ninety
nd and seven hundred dollars, at a rate of interest lower than that
loan ever before made by the government, and payable in coin; and

Whereas the holders of all government securities have a right to expect that, however much the United States may change its laws so as in fact to affect their interests favorably, it will never evade or repeal favorable legislation, either for the purpose or with the effect to make money at the expense of its creditors; and

Whereas, differing from the transaction of affairs between private persons, the public creditors have no effectual means of enforcing the payment of their loans, it is a duty of the highest obligation on the part of the United States to pay its debts in such a manner as to meet the just expectations of its creditors, and to refrain from taking advantage of the cheapness of silver, by reviving either obsolete coins or obsolete or repealed coinage laws, in order to provide for payments in silver; and

Whereas the substantial present value of the silver in a dollar of four hundred and twelve and a half grains is only ninety-two per centum of the value of a dollar of gold, it would also be unjust for the law-making power, by new legislation, to compel all private creditors to receive from their debtors such a silver dollar at par in the payment of pre-existing debts, and equally unjust, and even more cruel, to compel the great number of citizens of the United States who subsist upon the wages of daily labor to receive payment for their work in money either depreciated or debased,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 17 / Nays 43

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Burnside, Christiancy, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Edmunds, Hamlin, Kernan, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kirkwood, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Plumb, Ransom, Saulsbury, Saunders, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Morrill to amend the preamble of the resolution so as to read as follows:

(*Proposed amendments in italics.*)

Whereas by an act to provide for the payment of outstanding Treasury notes, and so forth, approved March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, it was provided that "it shall be at the option of holders of the Treasury notes hereby authorized by this act to exchange the same for the stock herein authorized, at par, or bonds, in lieu of which said Treasury notes were issued," and this option would be more appropriately restored than any other; and

Whereas it was provided by an act approved February twenty fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, when duties on imported goods were received in gold exclusively, entitled "An act to authorize the issue of United States notes, and for the redemption and funding thereof, and for funding the floating debt of the United States," "that all duties on imported goods shall be paid in coin, or in notes payable on demand, heretofore authorized to be issued, and by law receivable in payment of public dues; and the coin so paid shall be set apart as a special fund, and shall be applied as follows:

"*First, to the payment in coin of the interest on the bonds and notes of the United States;*

"*Second, to the purchase or payment of one per centum of the entire debt of the United States, to be made within each fiscal year after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, which is to be set apart as a sinking-fund, and the interest of which shall, in like manner, be applied to the purchase or payment of the public debt, as the Secretary of the Treasury shall from time to time direct;*" *and*

Whereas by the act entitled "An act to strengthen the public credit," approved March eighteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, it was provided and declared that the faith of the United States was thereby solemnly pledged to the payment in coin, or its equivalent, of all the interest-bearing obligations of the United States, except in cases where the law authorizing the issue of such obligations had expressly provided that the same might be paid in lawful money, or other currency than gold and silver; and, *by the same act,* "*to strengthen the public credit,*" *it was provided that* "*the United States also solemnly pledges its faith to make provision, at the earliest practicable period, for the redemption of the United States notes in coin*"; *and*

Whereas all the bonds of the United States authorized to be issued by the act entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt," approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, by the terms of said act were declared to be redeemable in coin of the then present standard value, bearing interest payable semi-annually in such coin; and

Whereas all bonds of the United States authorized to be issued under the act entitled "An act to provide for the resumption of specie payments," approved January fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, are required to be of the description of bonds of the United States described in the said act of Congress approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt;" and

Whereas, by the same act, to provide "*for the resumption of specie payments,*" *when gold coin was the only legal-tender coinage for all sums above five dollars, it was provided that—*

"*On and after the first day of January, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy nine, the Secretary of the Treasury shall redeem, in coin, the United States legal-tender notes then outstanding, on their presentation for redemption, at the office of the assistant treasurer of the United States in the city of New York, in sums of not less than fifty dollars;*" *and*

Whereas, at the date of the passage of said act of Congress last aforesaid, to wit, the fourteenth day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy, the coin of the United States of standard value of that date included silver dollars of the weight of four hundred and twelve and a half grains each, declared by the act approved January eighteenth, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act establishing a mint and regulating the coins of the United States,'" to be a legal tender of payment, according to their nominal value, for any sums whatever; *such silver dollars being on the fourteenth of July, eighteen hundred and seventy, valued at more than standard gold dollars, and being valued on the fourteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, at only ninety and eight-tenths cents:* Therefore—

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds to amend the preamble by inserting after the word "whatever" in the last line of the fourth paragraph the words

and whereas by the provisions of the coinage act of eighteen hundred and seventy-three, passed on the twelfth of February of that year, and of the Revised Statutes, which took effect as of the first day of December of that year, all provisions of law authorizing the coinage of such silver dollar were repealed,

It was determined in the negative { Yeas ..... 20 / Nays 38

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Barnum, Blaine, Burnside, Chaffee, Christiancy, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Edmunds, Hamlin, Kernan, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Plumb, Saulsbury, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On the question to agree to the preamble of the resolution,

It was determined in the affirmative { Yeas ..... 42 / Nays 20

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Plumb, Ransom, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Burnside, Christiancy, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Edmunds, Hamlin, Kernan, Lamar, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh, Windom.

So the preamble and resolution were agreed to, as follows:

Whereas, by the act entitled "An act to strengthen the public credit," approved March eighteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, it was provided and declared that the faith of the United States was thereby solemnly pledged to the payment in coin, or its equivalent, of all the interest-bearing obligations of the United States, except in cases where the law authorizing the issue of such obligations had expressly provided that the same might be paid in lawful money or other currency than gold and silver; and

Whereas all the bonds of the United States authorized to be issued by the act entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt," approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, by the terms of said act were declared to be redeemable in coin of the then present standard value, bearing interest payable semi-annually in such coin; and

Whereas all bonds of the United States authorized to be issued under the act entitled "An act to provide for the resumption of specie pay-

ments," approved January fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, are required to be of the description of bonds of the United States described in the said act of Congress approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, entitled "An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt"; and

Whereas, at the date of the passage of said act of Congress last aforesaid, to wit, the fourteenth day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy, the coin of the United States of standard value of that date included silver dollars of the weight of four hundred and twelve and a half grains each, declared by the act approved January eighteenth, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act establishing a mint and regulating the coins of the United States,'" to be a legal tender of payment, according to their nominal value, for any sums whatever: Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring therein), That all the bonds of the United States issued, or authorized to be issued, under the said acts of Congress hereinbefore recited, are payable, principal and interest, at the option of the Government of the United States, in silver dollars, of the coinage of the United States, containing four hundred and twelve and a half grains each of standard silver; and that to restore to its coinage such silver coins as a legal tender in payment of said bonds, principal and interest, is not in violation of the public faith, nor in derogation of the rights of the public creditor.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Allison,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and,

After the consideration of executive business, the doors were opened; and,

On motion by Mr. Rollins, at 5 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1878.

Mr. Beck presented a petition of citizens of Kentucky, praying a reduction of tax on manufactured tobacco; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in favor of an appropriation for the completion of the breakwater and the entrance to the harbor of refuge in Sturgeon Bay, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Whyte presented the petition of Catharine Middleton, of Baltimore, widow of John Middleton, deceased, a soldier in the war of 1812, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Howe presented the petition of William C. Shimoneck, late leader of the band of the Third United States Infantry, praying to be allowed

an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dorsey presented a memorial of the Franklin Insurance Company of Washington, District of Columbia, praying an extension of its charter; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Dorsey presented a memorial of Joseph Whitmore and Charles E. Cameron, late members of the Metropolitan Police force of the District of Columbia, praying to be restored to the police force; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Dorsey presented a petition of citizens of Georgetown, District of Columbia, in behalf of Joseph Whitmore, late a member of the Metropolitan Police force of the District of Columbia, praying that he be restored to the police force; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Kernan presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against an extension of the patent of E. N. Horsford for an acid substitute of cream of tartar for culinary purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. McDonald presented a petition of citizens of Indiana praying the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Whyte: A petition of the State Temperance Alliance of Maryland.

By Mr. Bailey: A petition of citizens of Tennessee.

By Mr. Kernan: Two petitions of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Ingalls: A petition of citizens of Kansas.

By the Vice-President: A petition of citizens of New York.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ingalls presented two petitions of citizens of Kansas, praying an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the several States from disfranchising citizens on account of sex; which were referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Butler presented a memorial of banks and bankers of Charleston, South Carolina, remonstrating against the remonetization of silver and the repeal of the resumption act; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions, praying the passage of the bill providing for the remonetization of silver, and for the repeal of the resumption act, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Voorhees: A petition of citizens of New York, and a petition of citizens of Indiana.

By Mr. Ingalls: A petition of citizens of Kansas.

By Mr. Wallace: A memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign imports, and against the restoration of duties on tea and coffee, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Dawes: A memorial of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Beck: A memorial of citizens of Kentucky.

By Mr. Kernan: A memorial of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A memorial of citizens of Illinois.

By Mr. Anthony: A memorial of citizens of Rhode Island.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kernan presented petitions, praying an amendment to the pen-

sion laws, extending the time of limitation for obtaining arrears of pension to July 4, 1880, as follows:

A petition of Henry Burns.

A petition of Willard B. Bugbee.

A petition of Sophie Monett.

A petition of Joseph Lobbe.

A petition of James Rourke.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ingalls presented a petition of citizens of Kansas, praying the recognition of their claims for pensions, who are, as they allege, sufferers by the limitations of an unwise pension law; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ingalls presented two petitions of citizens of Kansas City, Missouri, praying the passage of a law granting them arrears of pension, to commence from the date of discharge or disability; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Whyte presented a petition of citizens of Baltimore, Maryland, praying to have refunded them the amount of their deposits in the Freedman's Savings-Bank; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dennis presented a petition of citizens of the District of Columbia, praying an amendment to the Revised Statutes, so as to create Georgetown, District of Columbia, a regular port of entry; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a memorial of the senate of California, in relation to the subject of Chinese immigration; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of Sarah Ross, praying an amendment to the pension law, extending the time of limitation for obtaining pensions to July 4, 1880; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of tobacco-dealers of Philadelphia, remonstrating against any change being made at present in the tax on tobacco unless absolutely repealed; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Howe presented the petition of Philip Lawrence, praying an amendment to the pension law, extending the time of limitation for obtaining pensions to July 4, 1880; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Anthony presented a petition of the harbor commissioners of Rhode Island, praying an appropriation for the removal of obstructions to navigation at the entrance to the harbor of Providence, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Booth presented a memorial of citizens of California, remonstrating against an extension of time for the completion of the Southern Pacific Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petitions, praying the passage of the bill for the construction of the Portland, Salt Lake and South Pass Railroad, and for an extension of time for the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Grover: Two petitions of citizens of Oregon.

By Mr. Mitchell: Two petitions of citizens of Oregon.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, presented the petition of Louisa Kearney, praying compensation for property alleged to have been taken and appropriated by the United States authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Eustis presented a memorial of Louisiana sugar-planters, praying the passage of a bill on the basis of the report of a commission of engineers appointed to investigate and report a permanent plan for the reclamation of the alluvial basin of the Mississippi River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Hoar presented the petition of Charles J. Brockway, of Newburyport, Massachusetts, praying indemnity for spoliations committed by the French prior to the year 1801; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Voorhees presented a memorial of William McGarrahan, praying the correction of a clerical error in the record of a patent to the land-grant known as the Rancho Panoche Grande, in California; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Eaton presented three petitions of citizens of New Haven, Connecticut, dealers in carriages, praying an extension of the patent granted to James D. Sarvin for improvement in carriage-wheels; which were referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Barnum presented a petition of citizens of Washington, District of Columbia, property-owners on square 382, praying the passage of a law authorizing them to make improvements upon their property to conform to the building-line established by law for the squares immediately east and west of said square 382; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a memorial of depositors in the Fidelity Savings-Bank of Chicago, Illinois, remonstrating against the payment of back taxes, said to be due the United States by said bank, and praying that they may be abated and annulled.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Mitchell presented memorials of the legislature of Oregon, as follows:

A memorial in favor of an appropriation for surveying and buoying Alsea Bay and the entrance thereto, in that State.

A memorial in favor of an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Columbia River.

A memorial in favor of an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Willamette River.

A memorial in favor of an appropriation for surveying and building a breakwater at Cape Foulweather, in that State.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Mitchell presented a memorial of the legislature of Oregon, in favor of the passage of a law providing for the extinguishment of the Indian title to the Siletz reservation and preparing the same for settlement; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Mitchell presented a memorial of the legislature of Oregon, in favor of an amendment to the act of February 14, 1859, so as to make the boundary-lines of said State conform to the boundary-lines set forth in the constitution; which was referred to the Committee on Territories.

Mr. Allison presented letter of the Secretary of the Interior, addressed to the chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, recommending that an unexpended balance of an appropriation heretofore made for the removal of certain Indians on the border of Texas and Mexico to reservations within the Indian Territory may be reappropriated for the removal to a reservation, within the United States, of Kickapoo Indians now in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Mitchell presented a memorial of the legislature of Oregon, in

favor of an amendment of the several acts authorizing the construction of the Northern Pacific Railway, the Oregon and California Railway, and the Oregon Central Railway, and granting certain public lands in aid thereof, so as to authorize the sale of said lands at the usual minimum rates and in quantities of a quarter-section to any actual settler, and that said State may be authorized to select the lands granted her by the several acts of Congress at the minimum rate of $1.25 per acre; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

On motion by Mr. Burnside,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Elizabeth Wirt Goldsborough, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. McCreery,

Ordered, That Alexander M. Mayo have leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate his petition and papers.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 412) to punish embezzlement in the District of Columbia and to protect the records of said District, and for other purposes, reported them with a recommendation that the Senate agree thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 461) to further regulate the purchase of material for the public printing and binding, reported it with a recommendation that the Senate agree thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution, submitted by Mr. Mitchell on the 25th instant, to print extra copies of Senate bill No. 238, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the resolution was agreed to as follows:

Resloved, That one thousand additional copies of Senate bill No. 238, providing for an extension of the Northern Pacific Railroad, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Rollins, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 349) to authorize the commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund a certain tax erroneously collected, reported it with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Harris,

Ordered, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 319) for the relief of the Metropolitan Police force of the District of Columbia, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Dorsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of the District of Columbia, praying

an investigation into the law protecting dealers in the sale of intoxicating liquors, reported adversely thereon, and

The report was agreed to.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 609) providing for the disposition of the public timber and timbered lands of the United States; to the Committee on the Public Lands.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 610) to amend an act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876, and for other purposes, passed March 3, 1875; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 611) to extend the charter of the Franklin Insurance Company of the city of Washington; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 612) for the relief of John A. Torrence; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 613) to repeal section two of an act entitled "An act for the relief of General Samuel W. Crawford, and to fix the rank and pay of retired officers of the Army," approved March 3, 1875; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Harris: A bill (S. 614) for the relief of M. Janet Burleson; and

A bill (S. 615) for the relief of the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Chaffee: A bill (S. 616) to establish certain post roads in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Eaton: A bill (S. 617) granting a pension to Florence V. Moore; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Jones, of Florida: A bill (S. 618) for the relief of Frank P. Haywood, senior; and

A bill (S. 619) for the relief of Frank P. Haywood, junior, and Minnie M. Haywood, minors, by Frank P. Haywood, senior, guardian; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 620) to amend section 3 of an act entitled "An act authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River upon the military reservation at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas," approved July 20, 1868; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 621) granting an increase of pension to George Prince; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 622) to reimburse the States of Kansas, Texas, Nebraska, and Colorado for expenses incurred by said States for the United States, in repelling invasions and suppressing Indian hostilities; to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hamlin submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be instructed to commuicate to the Senate any report and plans of Penobscot River, at Bangor, Maine, made by the engineer in charge since the last annual report of the Secretary.

On motion by Mr. McDonald,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 2013) to remove the political disabilities of Charles L. Scott, of Wilcox County, Alabama; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved (*two-thirds of the Senators present agreeing thereto*), That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 2479) for the removal of obstructions from the Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, and Red Rivers, and for the preservation of the public property; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its last adjournment, viz, the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Allison, at 4 o'clock and 20 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1878.

Memorials, remonstrating against any action concerning a revision of tariff duties until after it shall have been ascertained by official inquiry that such action would best promote general prosperity, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Howe: A memorial of citizens of Wisconsin.

By Mr. Matthews: A memorial of citizens of Ohio.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Hoar: A petition of the Unitarian Church of Northampton, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Allison: A petition of citizens of Iowa.

By Mr. McMillan: A petition of Good Templars of Minnesota.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A petition of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Clinton, Wisconsin.

By Mr. McDonald: A petition of citizens of Indiana.

By Mr. Howe: A petition of Good Templars of Clinton, Wisconsin.

By Mr. Dawes: A petition of the Congregational Church of Waltham, Massachusetts.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Paddock presented a petition of a committee appointed by the American Nurserymen's Association, praying the appointment of a commission to visit the different countries of Europe to investigate the subject of forestry; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Ferry presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan, remonstrating against a reduction of the rates of duty on imported wools; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ferry presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan, remonstrat-

ing against any legislation affecting the duties on imports which is not based upon a thorough preliminary investigation of details; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions, praying an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the several States from disfranchising citizens of the United States on account of sex, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Paddock: A petition of citizens of Nebraska.

By Mr. Rollins: A petition of citizens of New Hampshire.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Armstrong presented the petition of William H. Cornell, late acting assistant third engineer on the United States steamer Winnebago, praying to be paid his share of prize-money arising from captures made by said steamer during the late war; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Memorials, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign imports, and against the restoration of duties on tea and coffee, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Ferry: Three memorials of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Edmunds: A memorial of citizens of Vermont.

By Mr. Oglesby: A memorial of citizens of Illinois.

By Mr. Morrill: A memorial of citizens of Vermont.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Gordon presented resolutions adopted at a meeting of citizens of Floyd County, Georgia, in favor of the repeal of the so-called resumption act and the bankrupt law, and in favor of the remonetization of silver, making it a legal-tender, and for the unlimited coinage of silver; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Paddock presented resolutions of the board of commissioners of Knox County, Nebraska, remonstrating against the passage of the bill (S. 403) to enable the Santee Sioux Indians to acquire titles to homesteads in that county, and in favor of the removal of said Indians to the Sioux Indian reservation in Dakota Territory; which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Gordon presented a petition of the Presbyterian Church of Dahlonega, Georgia, praying compensation for damages alleged to have been done their church-building by United States troops in 1865; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Gordon presented a petition of citizens of Georgia, praying a change in the mail-route No. 15319 from Battle Ground, in Johnson County, to Mount Vernon, in Montgomery County, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. McDonald presented a petition of citizens of Indiana, praying an extension of the patent granted to James D. Sarvin for improvement in carriage-wheels; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Wadleigh presented additional papers in relation to the application of Edmund R. Batchelder to be restored to the pension-rolls; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dorsey presented the petition of Catharine Chase Sprague, daughter of the late Salmon P. Chase, praying the passage of a law authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to abate a certain portion of the taxes and interest, and penalties thereon, on certain real estate situated in said District and owned by her late father; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Howe presented a petition of W. F. Marchant and others, United States storekeepers of the first collection-district of Wisconsin, praying

the restoration of their former compensation of five dollars per diem; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Edmunds presented petitions praying an amendment to the pension-laws, extending the time of limitation for obtaining pensions to July 4, 1880, as follows:

A petition of Milo A. Everest.

A petition of Jane Hall.

A petition of Rose McNally.

A petition of P. F. Lucia.

A petition of citizens of Vermont.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Windom presented a petition of citizens of the United States, praying the establishment of an uniform rate of duty on all grades of sugar and melado imported, without reference to color or quality; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Teller presented a petition of Wolff and Brown, praying compensation for horses pressed into service for the use of the militia in Colorado Territory in 1865; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Merrimon,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Sidney S. McLane, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Paddock,

Ordered, That C. H. Frederick have leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate his petition and papers.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on the Library, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 83) accepting a painting tendered to Congress by Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the resolution pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....43 / Nays..... 7

On motion of Mr. Allison,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Beck, Blaine, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Cockrell, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Grover, Hamlin, Hereford, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Jones of Nevada, Kirkwood, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Plumb, Ransom, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Thurman, Wadleigh, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Coke, Dennis, Edmunds, Hill, McCreery, Morgan, Whyte.

So it was

Resolved, That the resolution pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the motion to print additional copies of the report of the Librarian of Congress, reported the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent and agreed to:

Resolved, That five hundred additional copies of the annual report of the Librarian of Congress be printed, with covers, for the use of the Library of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Ordered, That the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 52) for the relief of C. H. Frederick, late a lieutenant-colonel in the Ninth Missouri Infantry, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Burnside,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 325) for the relief of Thomas Poultney, and that it be referred to the Committee on Patents.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Edmunds: A bill (S. 623) to amend section 993 Revised Statutes of United States, for District of Columbia, so as to make 22d of February a holiday within said District; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A bill (S. 624) to provide for phonographic reporters in the circuit courts and district courts of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 625) to repeal certain acts and parts of acts relating to the taxation of the deposits of savings-banks; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Maxey: A bill (S. 626) to repeal certain contingent land-grants in the Indian Territory, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Booth: A bill (S. 627) to amend the act approved March 8, 1868, restoring lands to market along the line of the Pacific Railroad and branches; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 628) for the relief of George W. Smith; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Merrimon: A bill (S. 629) for the relief of Sidney S. McLane; and

A bill (S. 630) for the relief of John E. Barrett; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Bailey: A bill (S. 631) in relation to captured and abandoned property; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Armstrong: A bill (S. 632) for the relief of William H. Cornell; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Edmunds submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be, and it is hereby, instructed to inquire and report whether, since the 28th day of July, A. D. 1866, any person has been appointed to any position in the Army of the United States contrary to the provisions of section 28 of the act of that date relating to the Army, or contrary to section 1218 of the Revised Statutes.

Mr. Edmunds submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

Resolved, That whenever there shall be any disturbance in the galleries or corridors of the Senate, it shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms and his force, and of the Capitol police, under his direction, forthwith to arrest any person guilty of making such disturbance and bring him to the bar of the Senate, to be dealt with; and also to clear the galleries, in case of any noise or disturbance therein, when ordered so to do by

the Senate or its presiding officer. It shall be the duty of the presiding officer of the Senate to cause this order to be fully enforced.

Mr. Allison submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That five hundred additional copies of the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character, with the proposed amendments, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In response to a resolution of the Senate of the 10th ultimo, I transmit herewith copies of reports of the Commissioners of Indian Affairs and General Land Office, dated 9th and 21st instants, respectively.

R. B. HAYES.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
January 29, 1878.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs and be printed.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, on the 26th instant, the following joint resolutions:

S. 5. Joint resolution authorizing Rear-Admiral William Reynolds, of the United States Navy, to accept certain presents tendered him by the King of Siam.

S. 15. Joint resolution filling an existing vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the resolution of the Senate tendering the thanks of Congress to the people of Maine for the statue of William King; and

It has agreed to the resolution of the Senate declaring that all bonds of the United States issued under certain acts of Congress therein named are payable, principal and interest, at the option of the government, in dollars of the coinage of the United States, containing 412½ grains each of standard silver.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (H. R. 542), I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 542) to change the location and name of the Miners' National Bank of Braidwood, Illinois.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 542) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Allison,

Ordered, That the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character, with the proposed amendments, be printed.

On motion by Mr. Beck,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him January 21, 1878, declaring it unnecessary and inexpedient to provide further at this time for the sinking fund; and,

After debate,

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Anthony, at 5 o'clock and 5 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1878.

Mr. McPherson presented two memorials of citizens of New Jersey, remonstrating against any action concerning the revision of tariff duties until after it shall have been ascertained by official inquiry that such action would best promote general prosperity; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kirkwood presented a petition of officers of the war of 1812, praying to be allowed an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Oglesby presented a memorial of Charles P. Choteau and William A. Steel, praying payment of balance alleged to be due them for the construction of the monitor Etlah; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Kirkwood presented the petition of Nicholas P. Strait, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Memorials, remonstrating against any change in the rates of duty on foreign imports, and against the restoration of duties on tea and coffee, were presented, as follows:

By Mr. Withers: A memorial of citizens of Virginia.

By Mr. Ferry: A memorial of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. McPherson: Two memorials of citizens of New Jersey.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: Nine memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Davis, of West Virginia: A memorial of citizens of West Virginia.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kirkwood presented a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Saunders presented twelve petitions of citizens of Nebraska, praying the passage of a law for the remonetization of silver and its unlimited coinage, for the repeal of the so-called resumption act and the act for the establishment of national banks; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Edmunds presented a memorial of the members of the Bar Asso-

ciation of the District of Columbia, praying the passage of a law for the reorganization of the judiciary of the District of Columbia, and to expedite the administration of justice therein; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Merrimon presented a petition of citizens of New Berne, North Carolina, praying an appropriation for the erection of a building suitable for a post-office and other government offices in that city; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Commissioner of Patents, communicating, in obedience to law, the annual report of the transactions and condition of the Patent Office, with lists of patents and patentees; which was referred to the Committee on Patents and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Barnum presented a memorial of the National Capital Insurance Company of Washington, District of Columbia, remonstrating against the repeal of its charter, and praying a fair and impartial hearing; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Hoar presented papers relating to the application of Leander Richards for an increase of pension; which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Kirkwood presented four memorials of citizens of Iowa, remonstrating against the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Paddock presented the petition of Charles P. Birkett, late Indian agent, praying to have refunded him the amount of certain moneys expended by him in and about the management of the Ponca agency, Dakota Territory, during the years 1872, 1873, 1874, and 1875; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Ingalls presented a petition of citizens of Kansas, sufferers from the ravages of the grasshoppers, praying an amendment to the pre-emption and homestead laws, so as to extend the time in which to make proof of claims to title to lands in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Paddock presented a letter of the Secretary of the Navy, in relation to the establishment of an observatory at Kearney, Nebraska.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Edmunds presented a memorial of citizens of Wyoming Territory, in relation to the condition of judicial affairs in that Territory, the proposed reorganization of the judicial districts and the assignment of judges thereto, and praying aid to support the judge of the third district in the performance of his judicial duties; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

Ordered, That the papers in the case of J. A. Stevenson, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That the select committee appointed to take into consideration the state of the law respecting the ascertaining and declaration of the result of the elections of President and Vice-President of the United States be authorized to employ a messenger.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution, yesterday submitted by Mr. Allison, to print extra copies of the bill H. R. 1093, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution; and

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Angeline Logan, for compensation for services rendered in a Federal hospital, submitted an adverse report (No. 45) thereon; which was agreed to.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 33) for the relief of R. W. Corbin and others, submitted a report (No. 46) on the claim of Robert Stevenson, accompanied by a bill (S. 633) for the relief of Robert Stevenson; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 33) for the relief of R. W. Corbin and others, submitted a report (No. 47) on the claim of L. T. Green, accompanied by a bill (S. 634) for the relief of L. T. Green; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Dawes, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, reported a bill (S. 635) for continuing the work of improving the Capitol grounds; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Dawes, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the bill (S. 557) directing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase certain property of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company for the use of the United States, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Dawes,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 564) to establish a mint for the coinage of gold and silver at Indianapolis, in the State of Indiana, and appropriating certain government grounds and buildings to the use of the same, as also money for the purchase of the necessary machinery, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 199) for the relief of L. H. and G. C. Schneider, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 44) thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Commitee of the Whole; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Edmunds: A bill (S. 636) to secure service of process in United States courts in certain cases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 637) for the relief of Joseph Rigby; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Barnum: A bill (S. 638) for the relief of Perry P. Wilson; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Hamlin: A bill (S. 639) to authorize the Postmaster-General to contract for ocean-mail service; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Paddock: A bill (S. 640) for the relief of Henson Wiseman; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Paddock obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 16) authorizing the appointment of a commission of scientists to investigate and report upon the establishment and location of an additional National Observatory; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Voorhees submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That, if not incompatible with the public interests, the President be, and he is hereby, requested to inform the Senate how many acres of land in the Indian Territory have been surveyed into sections and quarter-sections; for what purpose said survey has been made, and how much land remains in said Territory not surveyed. Also, what amount of lands were owned by the several tribes of Indians previous to the treaties of 1866, and whether the Indian title to any of such lands has been extinguished since said treaties were made; and, if so, to what extent, and for what consideration.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Clerk of the House be authorized and directed, in the enrollment of the act entitled "An act for the removal of obstructions from the Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, and Red Rivers, and for the preservation of the public property," to substitute the word *under* for the word "in," where it occurs in line 4, section 2, of the engrossed bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 1639. An act making an appropriation for pier-lights at the entrance of the jetties in the South Pass of the Mississippi River.

H. R. 1928. An act to change the name of the steam-tug C. M. Whittaker to Caroline.

H. R. 2887. An act to authorize the granting of an American register to a foreign-built ship for the purposes of the Woodruff Scientific Expedition around the World.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed three enrolled bills (S. 412, S. 461, and H. R. 2013) and an enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 83), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, authorizing the Clerk of the House to correct an error in the engrossment of the bill therein named, and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Paddock reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolution:

S. 412. An act to punish embezzlement in the District of Columbia, and to protect the records of said District, and for other purposes.

S. 461. An act to further regulate the purchase of material for the public printing and binding.

H. R. 2013. An act to remove the political disabilities of Charles L. Scott, of Wilcox County, Alabama.

H. R. 83. Joint resolution accepting a painting tendered to Congress by Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson.

The bills (H. R. 1639, H. R. 1928, and H. R. 2887) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired,

and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

The question being on the first amendment reprorted by the Committee on Finance,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, at 3 o'clock and 40 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1878.

The Vice-President signed the three enrolled bills (S. 412, S. 461, and H. R. 2013) and the enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 83) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented a memorial of the legislature of Wisconsin, praying for the enactment of laws for the improvement of the condition of the Oneida tribe of Indians located in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the passage of a law for the equalization of bounties; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Edmunds presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying an amendment of the pension-laws so as to extend the limitation of the time for obtaining arrears of pensions to July 4, 1880; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of Elisha M. Luckett, praying to be allowed a pension for services rendered in the Mexican war.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Burnside presented the petition of William Alexander, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the legislature of California, in favor of an appropriation for the purpose of erecting a building for a post-office in the city of San Francisco, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Edmunds presented the petition of G. W. Monteith, praying an amendment of the pension laws, extending the limitation of the time for obtaining arrears of pensions to July 4, 1880; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Booth presented a memorial of citizens of San Francisco, California, remonstrating against the extension of E. N. Horsford's patent for an acid substitute for cream of tartar; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented the resolutions of dealers and manufacturers of tobacco, of Philadelphia, remonstrating against the proposed reduction of the tax on that article; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Christiancy presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan, remon-

strating against a reduction of the duties on imported wools; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a petition of merchants of the city of New York, praying the rates of duty on imported linen goods may be reduced to a single and uniform rate; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Voorhees presented the memorial of James D. Williams, governor of Indiana, on behalf of that State, asking an appropriation for the payment to States entitled thereto of the unpaid balances of actual expenses incurred by them, respectively, for enrolling, arming, and equipping and supplying troops to aid in the suppression of the late rebellion; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hamlin presented a resolution of the legislature of Maine, remonstrating against the remonetization of silver.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Allison presented a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying for the repeal of the law requiring stamps on medicines and other proprietary articles; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Voorhees presented the petition of the Essex County Greenback Club of Newark, New Jersey, praying for the remonetization of the silver dollar, the repeal of the resumption act, and for other financial reforms; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of citizens of the United States, praying the appointment of a commission of inquiry as to the alcoholic-liquor traffic; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kernan presented twelve petitions of citizens of New York, in favor of the remonetization of silver and repeal of the resumption act; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign imports and the restoration of duties on tea and coffee, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Hamlin: A memorial of citizens of Maine.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A memorial of citizens of Illinois.

By Mr. Eaton: A memorial of citizens of Connecticut.

By Mr. Beck: A memorial of citizens of Kentucky.

By Mr. Wallace: A memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: Six memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the passage of a law authorizing the restoration of Edward H. Lieb, late captain Fifth United States Cavalry, to his former rank and position in the Army; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dorsey presented a petition of citizens, claimants, and occupants of the Hot Springs reservation, Arkansas, praying an extension of the time, as provided in the act of March 3, 1877, to allow the commissioners to complete the work contemplated thereby; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Wadleigh presented a memorial of Rebecca Miller and Augustus Miller, praying to be allowed a pension on account of the services of their father, Brigadier-General James Miller, in the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Conover presented a memorial of citizens of Florida, praying a further appropriation for continuing the improvement of the naviga-

tion of the water approaches to the harbor of Cedar Keys, Florida; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wallace presented the memorial of H. Nye, of Enon Valley, Pennsylvania, praying an amendment of the Constitution protecting all American citizens in the enjoyment of their equal religious rights and liberties; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Edmunds presented papers of James M. Carpenter, relating to his application for a pension; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 251) for the relief of Henry M. Vance and Harry C. Chase, of Ltttle Rock, Arkansas, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Elisha Basse, submitted an adverse report (No. 48) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Edmunds: A bill (S. 641) granting a pension to James M. Carpenter; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A bill (S. 642) to establish a post-route in Wisconsin; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Barnum: A bill (S. 643) for the relief of Thomas Lucas; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Barnum: A bill (S. 644) for the relief of Dwight W. Hakes; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 645) for the relief of certain postmasters and late postmasters in the State of Kansas; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Beck: A bill (S. 646) to provide for the purchase of a suitable building for the use of the United States courts holden at Louisville, Kentucky; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to furnish to the Senate any information in his department relative to the improvement of Providence River and Narragansett Bay, with an estimate of the cost of such improvement.

Mr. Sargent submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Appropriations, or its subcommittee, in investigating the affairs of the Freedmen's Hospital have power to send for persons and papers, administer oaths, and employ a stenographer.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 196. A bill to further define the rights of persons with respect to homestead entries on the public lands.

S. 217. A bill for the relief of John A. Shaw.

S. 364. A bill for the relief of Peasley and McClary, of Nashua, New Hampshire.

S. 414. A bill making appropriations for the erection of suitable posts for the protection of the Rio Grande frontier.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 85) extending the thanks of Congress to Henry M. Stanley; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 33) for the relief of R. W. Corbin and others; and,

The question being on the amendment reported by the Committee on Military Affairs.

Pending debate,

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Allison, at 1 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1878.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting, in obedience to law, an abstract of the militia force of the United States.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Maxey presented the petition of Anson Mills, praying compensation for the use and occupancy of his property in El Paso County, Texas, by the United States troops; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Howe: A petition of the Good Templars of Wisconsin.

By Mr. Allison: A petition of citizens of Iowa.

By Mr. Oglesby: A petition of citizens of Illinois.

By Mr. Windom: A petition of Good Templars of Minnesota.

By Mr. Wadleigh: A petition of the Reform Club of Ashland, New Hampshire.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A petition of citizens of Peotone, Illinois.

By Mr. Kernan: Two petitions of citizens of New York.

By Mr. McMillan: A petition of citizens of Minnesota.

By Mr. Conkling: Three petitions of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Dawes: A petition of the Congregational church of Franklin, Massachusetts.

By the Vice-President: A petition of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Hoar: A petition of the Second Unitarian Society of Athol, Massachusetts.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against any action concerning a revision of tariff duties until after it shall have been ascertained by official inquiry that such action would best promote general prosperity, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Kernan: A memorial of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Conkling: Two memorials of citizens of New York.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against any change in the rates of duty on foreign imports, and against the restoration of duties on tea and coffee, were presented as follows:

By Mr. McDonald: A memorial of citizens of Indiana.

By Mr. Christiancy: A memorial of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Ferry: Two memorials of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Hoar: A memorial of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Wallace: A memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: Five memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Matthews: A memorial of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Conkling: Eight memorials of citizens of New York.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against an extension of E. N. Horsford's patent for an acid substitute for cream of tartar for culinary purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Kernan presented fifteen petitions of citizens of New York, praying the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver, and in favor of the repeal of the so-called resumption; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions, praying a reduction in the rates of duty on imported linen goods, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Bruce: A petition of merchants of New York.

By Mr. Conkling: A petition of merchants of New York.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McCreery presented the petition of Pierce B. Hawkins, of Kentucky, praying compensation for certain property seized and taken by the United States authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Chaffee presented a petition of citizens of the United States, praying the enforcement of the provisions of the act to aid in the construction of telegraph-lines, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes, and for cheaper telegraphic facilities; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Withers presented the petition of Sophie Bockleman, praying to

be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ferry presented a petition of the common council of Mackinac, Michigan, praying the right to purchase certain public lands in the Mackinac National Park for purposes of public burying-grounds and cemeteries; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Ferry presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign wools; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ferry presented a memorial of citizens of Manistee, Michigan, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at that place; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Ferry presented arguments made before the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads on the subject of increased postal facilities in the Southern States, and the establishment of steamship mail-service with Central America, South America, and the West Indies; which were referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads and ordered to be printed.

Mr. McMillan presented a memorial of the legislature of Minnesota, in favor of an extension of time for the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Hamlin presented a petition of citizens of Maine, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Penobscot River at Bangor, Maine; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Conkling presented the memorial of William C. H. Waddell, praying the establishment of a uniform rate of postage on mail-matter, printed or written, foreign and domestic, at one cent per ounce; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a resolution of the city council of Erie, Pennsylvania, in favor of an increase in the efficiency of the life-saving station at that point; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Oglesby presented a memorial of citizens of Illinois, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on imported corks; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Morrill presented a memorial of Horace Fairbanks, governor of Vermont, praying, on behalf of that State, an appropriation for the payment, to States entitled thereto, of the unpaid balances of actual expenses incurred by them respectively for enrolling, arming, equipping, and supplying troops to aid in the suppression of the late rebellion; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Eaton presented a resolution of the legislature of Connecticut, remonstrating against the remonetization of silver and against an extension of the time for the resumption of specie payments.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Windom presented a resolution of the legislature of Minnesota, in favor of an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Red River of the North; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Saunders presented a memorial of State officers and others, of Nebraska, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Missouri River at or near Omaha and Council Bluffs; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Memorials, remonstrating against any legislation affecting the duties on imports which is not based upon a thorough investigation of details, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Dawes: A memorial of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: A memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. McCreery: A memorial of citizens of Tennessee.

By Mr. Conkling: A memorial of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Ferry: Two memorials of citizens of Michigan.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Plumb presented the petition of Michael O'Brien, late first lieutenant First United States Artillery, praying to be restored to his former rank in the Army; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented resolutions of the Illinois Horticultural Society, in favor of the establishment of a department of agriculture, to be represented in the cabinet by an officer denominated as the Secretary of Agriculture; which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Memorials remonstrating against the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Burnside: A memorial of the Board of Trade of Providence, Rhode Island.

By Mr. Mitchell: A memorial of the Board of Trade of Portland, Oregon.

By Mr. Grover: A memorial of the Board of Trade of Portland, Oregon.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Eaton presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying an amendment to the bill for the remonetization of silver, making the silver coin to contain 430 grains of silver, and to be a legal tender in sums not exceeding twenty dollars.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Beck presented a petition of citizens of Kentucky, praying a reduction of the tax on manufactured tobacco; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented the petition of John G. Morgan, praying to be allowed arrears of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Plumb presented the petition of J. H. Pillsbury, postmaster at Manhattan, Kansas, praying to have refunded him certain moneys alleged to have been stolen from him, and which he has paid into the United States Treasury; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Booth presented a memorial of citizens of California, remonstrating against an extension of E. N. Horsford's patent for an acid substitute for cream of tartar for culinary purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Patents

Mr. Dawes presented a memorial of citizens of Washington, District Columbia, praying the passage of a law requiring the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to vacate its present depot and the streets and avenues occupied by them, and adopt some other route to said city, and remonstrating against the exemption of said company from taxation, and praying that they be required to pay their just proportion of taxes; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Petitions, praying an amendment to the pension laws, extending the time of limitation for obtaining arrears of pension to July 4, 1880, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Kernan: Eighteen petitions of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Conkling: Twenty-five petitions of citizens of New York.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Burnside presented a resolution of the Providence Board of Trade, in favor of granting the application of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for the transportation of the United States mails from New York and San Francisco to the ports of the Sandwich Islands, Japan, and other foreign countries; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Christiancy presented a petition of citizens of Michigan, praying the passage of a law providing that hereafter no portion of the public lands shall be either sold or given away to individuals or corporations, and that a certain portion thereof, as prescribed in the homestead bill, may be set apart to actual settlers, for which an annual rental shall be paid; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Beck presented a memorial of the American Association of Breeders of Short-Horns, praying the abolition of duties on cattle other than thorough-bred imported into the United States from Canada; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Beck presented a resolution of the American Association of Breeders of Short-Horns, in favor of the appointment of a commission to devise a method of preventing the importation from foreign countries of contagious and other diseases among cattle; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that on the 1st instant they presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 412. An act to punish embezzlement in the District of Columbia, and to protect the records of said District, and for other purposes.

S. 461. An act to further regulate the purchase of material for the public printing and binding.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1454) to change the name of the "consulate at Omoa and Truxillo," reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of William B. Whiting, submitted a report (No. 52), accompanied by a bill (S. 647) granting a pension to William B. Whiting; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 89) for the relief of the officers and privates of the Fourth Arkansas Cavalry Volunteers, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 198) amending the laws granting pensions to the soldiers of the war of 1812 and their widows, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 323) granting a pension to the widow of the late Commodore Benjamin J. Totten, United States Navy, reported it without amendmrnt, and that it ought not to pass, and submitted a report (No. 51) thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bills (S. 89, S. 198, S. 323) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 573) for the relief of the officers and privates of the Fourth Arkansas Cavalry Volunteers, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 82) for the relief of Gustav A. Hesselberger, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 49) thereon.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 17) amending the laws granting pensions to the soldiers and sailors of the war of 1812 and their widows, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 50) thereon.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 413) to increase the pension of Laurena C. P. Haskins, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 53) thereon.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1104) for the relief of John Pulford, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 54) thereon.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 58) to prevent abuses of the mileage of district attorneys of the United States, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Kernan, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was recommitted the bill (H. R. 1891) for the relief of the Eagle and Phœnix Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Georgia, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Merrimon, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 542) to provide for the conveyance of the low grounds in the city of Washington, under the provisions of the act of Congress, chapter 96, approved May 7, 1822, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 694) for the relief of William H. Needham, late second lieutenant of Company D, Twenty-second Regiment Iowa Infantry Volunteers, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 55) thereon.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 104) amending section 1661, title 16 (The Militia), of the Revised Statutes of the United States, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 56) thereon.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1142) for the relief of Charles W. Wood, late of Company E, first battalion, Thirteenth Regiment of United States Infantry, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 57) thereon.

Mr. Booth, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (S. 148) to confirm the term, for the period of seventeen years from the date of its original grant, of the patent of Thomas A. Weston, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 58) thereon.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on the Library, to whom was referred so much of the President's message as recommends that suitable provision be made for the accommodation of the library of Congress, reported a bill (S. 648) to constitute a commission to consider and report

a plan for providing enlarged accommodation for the library of Congress; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Jane Dulaney, submitted an adverse report (No. 59) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by him December 10, 1877, providing for the printing and distribution of the Compilation of Colonial Charters and State Constitutions, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the resolution, as amended, was agreed to as follows:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That there be printed and bound in leather five thousand four hundred copies of The Colonial Charters and Constitutions of the United States, compiled under the direction of the Senate, of which nine hundred and sixty copies shall be for the use of Senators and the Vice-President, and twenty-five hundred copies shall be for the use of Representatives and Delegates, and the remaining one thousand nine hundred and forty copies shall be distributed by the Public Printer as follows: To the Secretary of the Senate fifty copies, of which one copy shall be for himself, one copy for each of the standing committees of the Senate, one copy for the room of the Official Reporter of the Senate, and the remaining copies for the library of the Senate; and to the Clerk of the House seventy-five copies, of which one copy shall be for himself, one copy for each of the standing committees of the House, one copy for the room of the Official Reporters of the House, and the remaining copies for the library of the House; to the Librarian of Congress sixty-six copies, of which one copy shall be for himself, five copies for the library of Congress, and shall not be taken therefrom; ten copies for the law library, and fifty copies shall be for exchange with foreign governments, under the direction of the Joint Committee on the Library, as provided in the joint resolution approved March 2, 1867; to the President of the United States three copies, of which one copy shall be for the library of the Executive Mansion; to the Department of State fifty-five copies, of which five copies shall be for the use of the department, and fifty copies shall be for transmission to United States legations and consulate-generals abroad; to the Treasury Department ten copies; to the War Department six copies, of which one copy shall be for the Military Academy at West Point; to the Navy Department six copies, of which one copy shall be for the Naval Academy at Annapolis; to the Department of the Interior five hundred and thirty-five copies, of which ten copies shall be for the Department, one copy for the State library of each State and the executive library of each Territory, one copy for the designated depository of public documents in each Congressional district, and the remaining copies of the five hundred and thirty-five shall be kept by the Secretary of the Interior as a reserve, from which he may supply newly-created offices; to the Post-Office Department six copies; to the Department of Justice one hundred and twenty-five copies, for the use of that department, the Chief Justice and justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, the judges of the circuit and district courts of the United States, the Court of Claims, the Assistant Attorneys-General, and the Solicitor; to the Department of Agriculture two copies, and to the Smithsonian Institution one copy; and one thousand copies for sale by the Public Printer, at the cost of printing and bind-

ing, under such regulations as he may prescribe under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Saunders obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 17) supplemental to a joint resolution in relation to the International Industry Exposition to be held in Paris in 1878; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills and a joint resolution were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dawes: A bill (S. 649) regulating the authentication and use of proxies in meetings of shareholders in national banking associations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 650) for the relief of certain postmasters and late postmasters in the State of Arkansas; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Sargent: A bill (S. 651) to amend section 4400 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to steam-vessels; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 652) to establish a post-road in the State of Rhode Island; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Hoar: A bill (S. 653) for the relief of Annie E. Newton, late postmaster in Fayville, Massachusetts; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A bill (S. 654) to authorize the National University to increase the number of members of the board of regents, to fill vacancies caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 655) to incorporate the National Pacific Railroad and Telegraph Company; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Beck: A bill (S. 656) for the relief of A. L. Shotwell; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Bailey: A bill (S. 657) for the relief of certain postmasters and late postmasters in the State of Tennessee; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 658) to authorize the restoration of Michael O'Brien to the rank of first lieutenant in the Army; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 659) for the relief of Joseph H. Pillsbury; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 660) for the relief of the legal representatives of Alexander Repine; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Wadleigh: A bill (S. 661) granting a pension to Johanna Nay Page; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Whyte: A joint resolution (S. 18) authorizing Lieutenant Theodorus B. M. Mason, of the United States Navy, to accept a silver medal from the King of Italy; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Chaffee submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to communicate to the Senate copies of all papers in his department relating to the settlement of accounts for the transportation of the Second Regiment of Infantry from Saint Louis to San Francisco, via Denver, in the month of July, A. D. 1877.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, on the first instant, an act (S. 461) to further regulate the purchase of material for the public printing and binding; and

He this day approved and signed an act (S. 412) to punish embezzlement in the District of Columbia, and to protect the records of said District, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character; and,

The question being on the first amendment reported by the Committee on Finance.

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Allison, at 4 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1878.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

The commission appointed under the act of Congress approved March 3, 1873, entitled "An act to authorize inquiries into the causes of steam-boiler explosions," has addressed a report of progress, made to date thereof, to the Secretaries of the Treasury and Navy Departments, which has been transmitted to me by these officers. The commission also present a copy of a report dated February 27, 1877, which they say "was mislaid and did not reach the President."

These reports are respectfully submitted for the information of Congress.

R. B. HAYES.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
February 4, 1878.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce and be printed.

Mr. Beck presented a memorial of James B. McCreery, governor of Kentucky, praying, on behalf of that State, an appropriation for the payment to States entitled thereto of the unpaid balances of actual expenses incurred by them, respectively, for enrolling, arming, equipping, and supplying troops to aid in the suppression of the late rebellion; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Randolph presented a resolution of the Board of Trade of Trenton, New Jersey, in favor of the establishment of a Department of Commerce; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Christiancy presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan, remonstrating against any change in the rates of duty on foreign wools; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conover presented additional papers in relation to the claim of Turner Merritt for compensation for cotton alleged to have been taken by United States military authorities during the late civil war; which,

with the petition and papers on the files of the Senate, were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Conkling presented a petition of citizens of Cortland County, New York, praying the passage of a law for coinage of a silver dollar equal in value to gold, and make the same a legal tender to the amount of $1,000; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of Maria J. Streeter, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Randolph presented a memorial of citizens of New Jersey, remonstrating against any action being taken concerning a revision of tariff until after it shall have been determined by official inquiry that such action would best promote general prosperity; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Howe presented a petition of citizens of Wisconsin, praying the passage of a law granting arrears of pension to soldiers in the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the legislature of California, in favor of the passage of a law authorizing the transfer of the management of Indian affairs from the Department of the Interior to the War Department; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Bailey presented a memorial of the Merchants' Exchange of Nashville, Tennessee, in favor of the remonetization of silver and of making it a legal tender.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Hoar presented two petitions of citizens of Massachusetts, praying an amendment to the pension laws, extending the time of limitation for obtaining pensions to July 4, 1880; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Edmunds presented a petition of citizens of Vermont, praying the recognition of their claims for pensions, who are, as they allege, sufferers by the limitations of an unwise pension law; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Randolph presented a resolution of the Board of Trade of New Brunswick, New Jersey, in favor of granting subsidies for the mail service in aid of the development of commerce and the encouragement of steam communication between the United States and the South American countries; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Randolph presented five petitions of citizens of New Jersey, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Howe presented a petition of masters, mates, pilots, and engineers of the United States, praying an amendment to the act authorizing the employment of certain aliens as engineers and pilots, so as to require such aliens, applicants for renewal of license, to show that they are permanent citizens of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Edmunds presented three petitions of citizens of Vermont, praying an amendment to the pension law, extending the time of limitation for obtaining pension to July 4, 1880; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Conkling presented two memorials of citizens of New York, remonstrating against any change in the present rates of duty on foreign imports and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Howe presented a petition of citizens of Wisconsin, praying the

passage of a law granting arrears of pension to soldiers in the late war; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of New York, praying an appropriation to aid in furnishing supplies of food, &c., to the destitute poor of the four provinces of China, who are sufferers by the famine now prevailing in that country, and for the appointment of a commission from the residents in China to act in concert with the United States minister thereto in the receiving and distribution of such supplies; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the remonetization of silver and the repeal of the so-called resumption act.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a petition of masters, mates, pilots, and engineers of the United States, praying an amendment to the act authorizing the employment of aliens as engineers and pilots, so as to require such aliens, applicants for renewal of license, to show that they are permanent citizens of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Conkling presented eighteen petitions of citizens of New York, praying the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver and for the repeal of the so-called resumption act.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Mitchell,

Ordered, That the petition of citizens of Oregon, praying the passage of the bill to aid in the construction of the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

On motion by Mr. Plumb,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Alexander Repine, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Plumb,

Ordered, That the petition of William W. Spiers, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That William Rutherford have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

Mr. Merrimon presented papers relative to the application of Thomas H. Lawrence for reinstatement to his position in the revenue-marine service; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Hoar presented petitions, praying an amendment of the Constitution of the United States, extending suffrage to women, as follows:

The petition of Robert J. Wallcut and Mary A. Wallcut, of Boston, Massachusetts, and 20 others;

The petition of Sarah E. Eaton and Peter Faneuil Jones, of Boston, and 18 others;

The petition of William W. Merrick and Charlotte H. Weatherby, of Boston, and 32 others;

The petition of George A. Davy, of Boston, and 33 others;

The petition of Agnes Frith, of Boston, and 10 others;

The petition of Lizzie S. Drake and Mary A. Burrell, of Boston, and 12 others;

The petition of Mrs. George Clapp, of Boston, and 16 others;

The petition of Elizabeth G. Hedge and M. Sunderland, of Boston, and 44 others;

The petition of Mrs. M. G. Fletcher and George A. Hardy, of Boston, and 54 others;

The petition of Rev. J. H. Wiggins, of South Boston, and 217 others;

The petition of F. H. Sargent and Elvira Frish, of Athol, and 53 others;

The petition of Ebba F. Winslow and William F. Mitchell, of Lynn, and 60 others;

The petition of G. G. Farman, of Lynn, and 38 others;

The petition of Benjamin Percival, of Lynn, and 25 others;

The petition of Anne E. Ladd and W. Norcross, of Lynn, and 100 others;

The petition of C. W. Biddle and E. K. Weston, of Lynn, and 54 others;

The petition of Thomas Glass, of Plympton, and 5 others;

The petition of F. D. Bingham and Jane L. Straw, of Hyde Park, and 30 others;

The petition of H. B. Wyman and Emily B. Willie, of Hyde Park, and 47 others;

The petition of William B. Stone and S. W. Beals, of West Brookfield, and 98 others;

The petition of Annie P. Adams and C. P. Thompson, of Milford, and 206 others;

The petition of Mrs. Eben S. Smith and Anna J. Hutchinson, of Provincetown, and 122 others;

The petition of William H. Burnham, of Essex, and 39 others;

The petition of Mrs. Louise S. Hills, of Cambridgeport, and 2 others;

The petition of John B. Austine and David A. Bemes, of Warren, and 82 others;

The petition of Mrs. Ruth C. Thomson and George H. Miller, of Southbridge, and 94 others;

The petition of Harriet Stow and Louisa M. Allcott, of Concord, and 29 others;

The petition of Rev. J. F. Lovering, of Watertown, and 45 others;

The petition of Josephine S. Acton, of West Acton, and 3 others;

The petition of William J. Bowditch and Charles K. Whipple, of Brookline, and 1 other;

The petition of Lewis Ford and Sarah E. Packard, of Brockton, and 233 others;

The petition of William R. Perkins, of Nantucket, and 83 others;

The petition of Grace L. Richardson, of Gloucester, and 4 others;

The petition of Mrs. C. H. Gould and E. J. Cogswell, of Lexington, and 27 others;

The petition of H. H. Stearns, of Woburn, and 33 others;

The petition of Mrs. Sarah J. Newton, of Arlington, and 42 others;

The petition of Sarah E. S. Rollins and Joseph S. Hallett, of Barnstable, and 62 others;

The petition of Mrs. Lois A. Staples, of Uxbridge, and 17 others;

The petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Cobb, of Westborough, and 149 others;

The petition of of Mrs. M. B. Huckins and E. C. Lincoln, of Brewster, and 56 others;

The petition of Lydia C. Hussey and Nellie M. Libbie, of Billerica, and 31 others;

The petition of Elizabeth Dean, of Chelsea, and 46 others;

The petition of Dr. Joseph H. Cartyf, of Chelsea, and 10 others;

The petition of Mrs. Mary Wall and James C. Sherman and 84 others, of Cleveland, Ohio;

The petition of Eva J. Darrall, H. S. Edwards, of Cleveland, Ohio, and 33 others;

The petition of Mary J. McIntyre, Charles M. Coombs, of Cleveland, Ohio, and 27 others;

The petition A. L. O. Stone, of Cleveland, Ohio, and 16 others;

The petition of Mrs. Mary Dunbar, of Cleveland, Ohio, and 63 others;

The petition of Mrs. Ruth M. Wood, of Cleveland, Ohio, and 14 others;

The petition of Daniel R. Tilden, of Cleveland, Ohio, and 44 others;

The petition of Mrs. Julia A. Arnold, of Willoughby, Ohio, and 252 others;

The petition of Mrs. Harriet E. Davis, of Steubenville, Ohio, and 36 others;

The petition of Mary M. Wyatt, of Hinckley, Ohio, and 15 others;

The petition of Andrew B. Jester, of Pickaway County, Ohio, and 80 others;

The petition of B. C. Gilbert and Sarah England, of Columbiana, Ohio, and 96 others;

The petition of Benjamin Carman and Phebe Cottle, of Ohio, and 107 others;

The petition of Lizzie A. Decker, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and 27 others;

The petition of Simon Barnard, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and 10 others;

The petition of E. D. Burleigh and E. C. Wilkinson, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and 8 others;

The petition of Rebecca S. E. Harrops, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and 20 others;

The petition of A. Harrison McLane, of Pennsylvania, and 88 others;

The petition of Anna Essex and S. S. Grandin, of Meadville, Pennsylvania, and 14 others;

The petition of Annie T. Hamilton, of Kennet, Pennsylvania, and 146 others;

The petition of Charles Snell and Eliza J. S. Clark, of Brady, Pennsylvania, and 13 others;

The petition of Edith Pennock and William Darlington, of Chester County, Pennsylvania, and 73 others;

The petition of Martha L. Hinds and William R. Jenkins, of Knoxville, Tennessee, and 51 others;

The petition of Mrs. Anne Nolbrook and Mrs. Annie Thompson, of Utah Territory, and 2 others;

The petition of James Rock and Elizabeth B. K. Lucia, of Vergennes, Vermont, and 31 others;

The petition of Alpheus Goodwin, of Craftsbury, Vermont, and 40 others;

The petition of Mrs. R. L. Palmer and C. Griswold, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and 64 others;

The petition of Seth Higgins, of Palmyra, Wisconsin, and 51 others;

The petition of Herman Snow and 38 others, of San Francisco, California;

The petition of Maria Solter and 23 others, of San Francisco, California;

The petition of Mary B. Smith and 51 others, of Oakland, California;

The petition of Mary E. Crowley and 19 others, of Antelope Springs, Colorado;

The petition of B. B. Wadsworth, Z. A. Russell, and 16 others, of Denver, Colorado;

The petition of Mrs. Lucy A. Keith and 19 others, of Stamford, Connecticut;

The petition of Mary A. Wright, E. D. Butler, and 19 others, of Wethersfield, Connecticut;

The petition of Sarah M. Thomas and 9 others, of Lebanon, Connecticut;

The petition of Rev. J. Burton, of Hartford, Connecticut;

The petition of J. B. McGrew, Anna E. Fleming, and 7 others, of Dublin, Indiana;

The petition of Mrs. F. Fountain, Ella Hyatt, and 85 others, of Dublin, Indiana;

The petition of D. J. King, John Simmons, and 41 others, of Dublin, Indiana;

The petition of Sarah Greene, Melinda Osborne, and 94 others, of Dublin, Indiana;

The petition of Emily W. Spencer and 75 others, of Avilla, Indiana;

The petition of R. T. Brown, T. H. Goodwin, and 10 others, of Dublin, Indiana;

The petition of William M. Robinson, Elizabeth McRae, and 45 others, of Frankville, Iowa;

The petition of Mrs. M. F. Kilbourne, J. W. Pert, and 42 others, of Creston, Iowa;

The petition of Mrs. E. S. Lamb, M. S. Grace, and 90 others, of Algona, Iowa;

The petition of Samuel Baker, of Wheaton, Illinois, and 55 others;

The petition of H. Louise Burper, of Chicago, Illinois, and 20 others;

The petition of Harriet P. Hine and Emeline A. Prescott, of Bowdoinham, Maine, and 69 others;

The petition of A. Crowell and Esther Douglass, of Brunswick, Maine, and 96 others;

The petition of Mrs. Oliver Dennett, of Portland, Maine, and 2 others;

The petition of J. Arthur Greene, of Waterford, Maine, and 16 others;

The petition of M. Daly and Emily A. Emerson, of Fountain Brook, Minnesota, and 15 others;

The petition of Sarah B. Stearnes, of Duluth, Minnesota, and 37 others;

The petition of Mrs. L. Hazen and Mrs. Mary Walters, of Medford, Minnesota, and 28 others;

The petition of Mrs. L. Harford, of Saint John's, Michigan, and 107 others;

The petition of Lucian Reed and Lucy M. Seely, of Mason, Michigan, and 58 others;

The petition of Mrs. M. A. Packer and J. R. Pray, of Hartford, Michigan, and 39 others;

The petition of Mrs. E. B. Maybin, of Morenci, Michigan, and 65 others;

The petition of Mrs. M. J. Clapp and U. T. Towsley, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and 35 others;

The petition of John A. Fraser and George A. Douglass, of Michigamme, Michigan, and 220 others;

The petition of Isaac P. Rose and Mrs. Ruthela Adams, of Michigamme, Michigan, and 86 others;

The petition of Rebecca N. Hazard, of Kirkwood, Missouri, and 5 others;

The petition of Alice H. Grubb, of Kirkwood, Missouri, and 22 others;

The petition of Melinda Watson and William Bailey, of Baltimore, Maryland, and 44 others;

The petition of Emmeline Walter, of Carson City, Nevada, and 43 others;

The petition of Aaron M. Powell and Jane E. Capron, of New York City, and 45 others;

The petition of Sophia Curtis Hoffman, of New York City;

The petition of Elizabeth Schoonmaker, of New York City, and 83 others;

The petition of Anna Oliver, of New York City, and 36 others;

The petition of T. H. Sherman and Sarah M. Hallock, of Marlborough, New York, and 18 others;

The petition of Elizabeth Oakes Smith, of Chittenango, New York, and 17 others;

The petition of Henry A. Slack and Cary Rushmore, of Albany, New York, and 13 others;

The petition of Emma Sandland and William B. Wadsworth, of Brooklyn, New York, and 21 others;

The petition of Mary Meteyard and C. Hamilton, of East Hamburg, New York, and 92 others; and

The petition of John Thompson and Mrs. C. S. Pond, of Saratoga Springs, New York, and 106 others.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 37) to authorize the Secretary of War to issue certain arms to the Washington Light Infantry of Charleston, South Carolina, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Butler,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 215) to authorize the Secretary of War to issue certain arms to the Washington Light Infantry of Charleston, South Carolina.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 285) granting a pension to Elizabeth D. Stone, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 26) to donate a portion of the military reservation of Fort Harker to the State of Kansas, for the establishment of an educational or charitable institution, and to open the remainder of said reservation to settlement, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 61) thereon.

Mr. Wallace, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 106) to authorize a long bond for the investment of savings, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Ferry, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 596) to regulate the compensation of postmasters, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 62) appropriating $200 to defray expenses of transferring the remains of Pancoast Loose, a deceased soldier, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 62) thereon.

Mr. Hamlin, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1474) further to suspend the operations of sec-

tion 5574 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, title 72, in relation to guano islands, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred a letter from the Secretary of War, inviting the attention of Congress to the subject of commutation of quarters, fuel, and forage in the Revised Statutes, and recommending an amendment thereof, submitted a report (No. 60) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 662) to amend section 1270 of the Revised Statutes, relating to commutation to officers of the Army; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 119) to remove the charges against Lieutenant Charles Wilkinson, late of Company K, One hundred and second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, on file in the War Department, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 68) thereon.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 23) for the relief of Major and Brevet Colonel Joseph B. Collins, late of the United States Army, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 67) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 132) granting a pension to Joseph Grigsby, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 66) thereon.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 262) to authorize the President of the United States to promote and retire First Lieutenant David I. Ezekiel, of the Fourth Regiment of Infantry, United States Army, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 63) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 244) granting a pension to Frederick Banker, a private in the late civil war, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 64) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 286) granting a pension to David Torpey, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 65) thereon.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 162) for the relief of James Clift, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 69) thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bills (S. 23, S. 132, S. 262, S. 244, S. 286, S. 162) as in Committee of the Whole, and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of W. B. Mann, J. W. Forney, and others of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, praying that an allowance be made to Mrs. Catherine T. Campbell, submitted an adverse report (No. 72) thereon, and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of John B. Dunbar, submitted an adverse report (No. 71) thereon, and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of William Kearney, submitted an adverse report (No. 70) thereon, and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Military

Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Vedder, submitted an adverse report (No. 73) thereon, and

The report was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Robert W. Furnas, president of the Nebraska Horticultural Society, and others, and that it be referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the American Association of Breeders of Short-horn Cattle, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Edmunds: A bill (S. 663) granting a pension to William H. H. Buck; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Rollins: A bill (S. 664) for the relief of Frank A. Page; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 665) to protect witnesses at United States courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Chaffee: A bill (S. 666) for the relief of certain late postmasters of Colorado;

A bill (S. 667) for the relief of certain postmasters of New Mexico;

A bill (S. 668) for the relief of certain postmasters in the Territory of Utah;

A bill (S. 669) for the relief of certain late postmasters in the Territory of Dakota; and

A bill (S. 670) to establish a post-road in Colorado and New Mexico; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Booth: A bill (S. 671) for the relief of certain citizens of the United States, and occupants of lands within one mile of the military post of Camp Independence, Inyo County, California; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Hoar: A bill (S. 672) to protect the United States against fraudulent claims; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Allison: A bill (S. 673) for the relief of certain postmasters and late postmasters in the State of Iowa; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Sargent: A bill (S. 674) for the relief of certain postmasters and late postmasters in the State of California; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Conover: A bill (S. 675) for the protection of subcontractors in the carrying the mails; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: A bill (S. 676) for the relief of certain postmasters in the State of Pennsylvania; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Christiancy: A bill (S. 677) for the relief of certain postmasters of Michigan; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Oglesby: A bill (S. 678) for the relief of certain postmasters and late postmasters of the State of Illinois; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Cockrell: A bill (S. 679) for the relief of certain postmasters and late postmasters in the State of Missouri; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 680) for the establishment of a certain mail-route in the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 681) to provide for the payment of Loyal P. Brown, administrator of the estate of Darius B. Randall, deceased, for certain improvements relinquished to the United States for the use of the Nez Percé Indians; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Merrimon: A bill (S. 682) to reinstate Thomas H. Laurence as a second lieutenant in the United States Revenue Marine; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Kernan: A bill (S. 683) for the relief of the American Grocer Association of the City of New York; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Hereford: A bill (S. 684) for the relief of William Smith; to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Edmunds submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That the Committee on Appropriations be, and it is hereby, instructed to report as soon as may be a bill making adequate provision for the employment of such additional clerical force in the Pension Office and in the office of the Surgeon-General as shall be necessary to accomplish promptly the necessary examination and reports in those offices in connection with applications for pensions.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Hereford, at 5 o'clock and 25 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1878.

Mr. Bruce presented a memorial of the legislature of Mississippi, in favor of the passage of a law remunerating certain citizens of that State, mill-owners and log-men, for damages sustained by them on account of the seizure of certain lumber and logs in the lumber district, by agents of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Kernan: A petition of the Second Street Methodist Episcopal Church of New York City.

By Mr. Conkling: A petition of the Lexington Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church of New York City.

By Mr. Dawes: A petition of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Natick, Massachusetts.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against any action concerning a revision of tariff duties until after it shall have been determined by official inquiry that such action would best promote general prosperity, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Kernan: Three memorials of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Conkling: Three memorials of citizens of New York.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of Albany, New York, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on imported corks; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ferry presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign wools; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Bailey presented a petition of citizens of Memphis, Tennessee, praying that in the event of the passage of a bill reducing the tax on manufactured tobacco, there be allowed a drawback equal to the amount of such reduction, to be paid to them by the government; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign imports and against the restoration of duties on tea and coffee, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Bayard: A memorial of citizens of Delaware.

By Mr. Oglesby: A memorial of citizens of Illinois.

By Mr. Conkling: A memorial of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Wallace: A memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: Three memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. McPherson: Two memorials of citizens of New Jersey.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Davis, of West Virginia, presented a letter of the Chief of Ordnance, in relation to the militia force of the United States.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented resolutions adopted at a meeting of citizens of Chicago, Illinois, in favor of the remonetization of silver and making it a legal tender for the payment of all debts, public and private.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented memorials of the legislature of Wisconsin as follows:

A memorial for the extension of the post-route from Stettin to Rib Falls, in that State.

A memorial for the extension of the post-route from Berlin to Hamburg, in that State.

A memorial for the establishment of a post-route from Barron to Sand Creek, in that State.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. McPherson presented a resolution of the Board of Trade of New Brunswick, New Jersey, in favor of granting subsidies for mail-service, and to aid in the development of commerce and the encouragement of steam communication between the United States and the South American countries; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a petition of citizens of Illinois, praying the remonetization of silver and making it a legal tender in payment of all debts, and for the repeal of the so-called resumption act; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Saunders presented a petition of citizens of Nebraska, praying the donation of a section of public lands to the Harlan County Agricultural Society of that State, for the use and benefit of that society; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

Mr. Saunders presented a petition of citizens of Nebraska, praying the establishment of a post-route from York to Central City, in that

State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Hamlin presented a letter of the Secretary of State, communicating a copy of a letter-patent from the Emperor of Russia, conferring upon Lieutenant F. V. Greene, Corps of Engineers, the Order of St. Anne, third class, with accompanying insignia, requesting the necessary action by Congress to enable Lieutenant Greene to accept the same; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Hereford,

Ordered, That the Kanawha Lodge, I. O. O. F., of West Virginia, have leave to withdraw their memorial from the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

Ordered, That L. R. Palmer have leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate certain papers filed by him in the Forty-fourth Congress.

On motion by Mr. Whyte,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution (S. 18) authorizing Lieutenant Theodorus B. M. Mason, of the United States Navy, to accept a silver medal from the King of Italy, and that it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 429) for the relief of Isabella R. McGunnigle, widow of Lieutenant-Commander Wilson McGunnigle, United States Navy, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 75) thereon.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 495) for the relief of Thornton A. Jenkins, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 75) thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bills (S. 429, S. 495) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Whyte, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 18) for the relief of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal Company, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 74) thereon.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 632) for the relief of William H. Cornell, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 76) thereon.

Mr. Hereford, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 235) for the relief of Joseph Kinney, administrator of David Ballentine, of Missouri, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 77) thereon.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Mary A. Blackwelder, submitted an adverse report (No. 80) thereon, and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 33) for the relief of R. W. Corbin and others, submitted a report (No. 78) upon the claim of N. Boyden contained therein, accompanied by a bill (S. 685) for the relief of N. Boyden; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Mary Emma Baptist, submitted a report (No. 79) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 686) granting a pension to Mary Emma Baptist, and Daisy Baptist, minor child; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 687) granting a pension to W. H. Bagley; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 688) to reduce the cost of mail-service on the Pacific coast; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Saunders: A bill (S. 689) to establish a mail-route in the State of Nebraska; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Kernan: A bill (S. 690) to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the Seneca Nation of New York Indians to lease lands within the Cattaraugus and Allegany reservations and to confirm existing leases," approved February 19, 1875; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Kernan: A bill (S. 691) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the sale of certain New York Indian lands in Kansas;" and

A bill (S. 692) to provide a settlement with the Six Nations of New York Indians for unexecuted treaty stipulations; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 693) to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to audit certain claims against the District, and for funding the same; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Matthews: A bill (S. 694) to incorporate the National Security Life-Insurance Company of Washington, District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Ransom submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby directed to report as soon as may be the present condition and state of efficiency of the life-saving service on the coast of North Carolina, and in what respects the same, in his judgment, needs increase or improvement in order to make the same of the greatest benefit.

M. Ransom submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he hereby is, directed to report as soon as may be any information relative to the disaster of the Huron that may affect the improvement and security of navigation on the coast of North Carolina, and in what respects, in his judgment, greater improvement and security may be attained.

Mr. Ransom submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be, and it hereby is, authorized to take into consideration the expediency of so improving the inland navigation between the waters of Norfolk Harbor and Currituck, Albemarle, and Pamlico Sounds, and also the Cape Fear River, as to furnish a safer and better channel of commerce between the States than those now existing, and that said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 1008. An act relating to the Cumberland Road, in the State of Ohio, and to authorize the same to become a free road.

H. R. 3072. An act to authorize a special term of the circuit court of the United States for the southern district of Mississippi to be held at Scranton, in Jackson County.

H. R. 90. Joint resolution declaring that a reduction of the tax on distilled spirits is inexpedient.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (H. R. 2479) and an enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 85), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

The President of the United States has informed the House of Representatives that he approved and signed, January 31, 1878, an act (H. R. 542) to change the location and name of the Miners' National Bank of Braidwood, Illinois, and

He approved and signed, on the 1st instant, the following act and joint resolution:

H. R. 2013. An act to remove the political disabilities of Charles L. Scott, of Wilcox County, Alabama.

H. R. 83. Joint resolution accepting a painting tendered to Congress by Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bill and joint resolution:

H. R. 2479. An act for the removal of obstructions from the Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, and Red Rivers, and for the preservation of the public property.

H. R. 85. Joint resolution extending the thanks of Congress to Henry M. Stanley.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 2479) and the enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 85) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bills and joint resolution last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 1008 be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads; that the bill H. R. 3072 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and that the joint resolution H. R. 90 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 55) to authorize Medical Inspector Thomas J. Turner, United States Navy, to accept a diploma of the Order of Kamehameha from the King of the Hawaiian Islands; and,

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

Ordered, That the said resolution be recommitted to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 265) to remit taxes on insolvent savings-banks; and,

Pending debate,

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character; and,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Beck, at 4 o'clock and 50 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1878.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Dawes: Nine petitions of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: A petition of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Wallace: A petition of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Hoar: Nine petitions of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Saulsbury: A petition of citizens of Delaware.

By Mr. McPherson: A petition of citizens of New Jersey.

By Mr. Morrill: Six petitions of citizens of Vermont.

By Mr. Ferry: Six petitions of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Kernan: A petition of citizens of New York.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Edmunds presented three petitions of citizens of Vermont, praying an amendment to the pension laws, extending the time of limitation for obtaining pensions to July 4, 1880; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Christiancy presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan, remonstrating against any reduction of the rates of duty on foreign wools; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Saulsbury presented the petition of Emma G. Wilson, daughter of the late W. F. Wilson, late a chaplain United States Army, praying to be allowed an amount of money equal to the amount of commutation for quarters and rations claimed to be due her father while on duty at Washington Park Hospital, at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1862; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dennis presented a petition of citizens of Maryland, praying the passage of a law requiring the Treasury Department to exchange United States Treasury notes for silver coin whenever requested to do so by the holders thereof; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Allison presented a memorial of the Liberal League of Florence, Iowa, remonstrating against any amendment of the Constitution which will permit the use of the Bible in the common schools, and praying for an entire separation of church and state, and the cessation of religious instruction in schools; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Whyte presented the petition of Clement D. Hill, praying to have refunded him out of the United States Treasury certain moneys, the proceeds of the sale of certain lands in the State of Maryland sold in pursuance of a decree of the United States district court for the district of Maryland; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Memorials, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign imports, and against the restoration of duties on tea and coffee, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Wallace: A memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Ferry: Three memorials of citizens of Michigan.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Matthews presented a memorial of citizens of Washington Territory, praying the repeal of a certain portion of section 1924 of the Revised Statutes in relation to the existence of banking corporations or foreign banking corporations in that Territory; which was referred to the Committee on Territories.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of

January 28, 1878, information in relation to the examination of the Penobscot River at Bangor, Maine; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Sargent December 10, 1877, to print extra copies of the Report of the Board of Health of the District of Columbia for the year 1877, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution, and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 695) to amend section 2289 of the Revised Statutes, and to repeal certain sections relating to the growth of timber on the public domain, and the provisions of law governing pre-emption entries; and

A bill (S. 696) for the relief of settlers within railroad limits; to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Sargent submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Appropriations be authorized to have printed the testimony taken under the resolution of the Senate of January 24, 1878, in the investigation of the affairs of the Freedmen's Hospital.

Mr. Edmunds submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Appropriations be, and it is hereby, instructed to inquire whether there exists adequate provision for the prompt examination, report, and action in pension cases in the Pension Bureau, in the Surgeon-General's Office, and in the Adjutant-General's Office, and that said committee report thereon, by bill or otherwise, as soon as may be.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (H. R. 1454), I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 1454) to change the name of the consulate at Omoa and Truxillo.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 1454) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 265) to remit taxes on insolvent savings-banks; and, the first amendment reported by the Committee on Finance having been agreed to,

On the question to agree to the second reported amendment, viz, insert as an additional section the following:

SEC. 2. *That in making further collections of internal-revenue taxes on bank deposits, no savings-bank, recognized as such by the laws of its State, and having no capital stock, shall, on account of mercantile or business deposits heretofore received, upon which no interest has been allowed to the*

parties making such deposits, be denied the exemptions allowed to savings-banks having no capital stock, and doing no other business than receiving deposits to be loaned or invested for the sole benefit of the parties making such deposits, without profit or compensation to the banks, if such bank has paid the lawful tax upon the entire average amount of such business or mercantile deposits; but nothing in this section shall be construed to extend said exemptions to deposits hereafter made, or in any way to affect the liability of such deposits to taxation;

After debate,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....28 / Nays.....27

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Cameron of Wisconsin, Conkling, Dawes, Dorsey, Ferry, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Kernan, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Patterson, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Wadleigh, Wallace, Whyte, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Butler, Chaffee, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Eustis, Garland, Grover, Hereford, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kirkwood, Lamar, McCreery, McPherson, Merrimon, Morgan, Plumb, Teller, Voorhees, Withers.

So the amendment was agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Morgan,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Withers, at 6 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m., the Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1878.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, communicating, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of December 13, 1877, further information in relation to the militia force of the United States.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Conkling presented a petition of the medical faculty of the University of New York City, praying the passage of the bill (S. 560) for the relief of William A. Hammond, late Surgeon-General of the United States Army; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Voorhees presented the petition of Alfred Richardson, late of Company A, Twelfth Indiana Volunteers, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Voorhees presented a petition of citizens of the United States, praying the remonetization of silver and the repeal of the so-called resumption act, and for the passage of a law making greenbacks a legal tender, and substituting them for national-bank notes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ferry presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan, remonstrating against the United States Government entering into commercial and so-called reciprocity treaties with other governments; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Ferry presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign wools; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented two petitions of citizens of New York, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign imports, and against the restoration of duties on tea and coffee, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Allison: A memorial of citizens of Iowa.

By Mr. Anthony: A memorial of citizens of Rhode Island.

By Mr. Conkling: A memorial of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Oglesby: A memorial of citizens of Illinois.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of J. F. Hartranft, governor of Pennsylvania, praying, in behalf of that State, an appropriation for the payment, to States entitled thereto, of the unpaid balances of expenses actually incurred by them respectively for enrolling, arming, equipping, and supplying troops to aid in the suppression of the late rebellion; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of colored citizens of the United States, praying the passage of a law for their better protection in the exercise of their religious, civil, and political rights, and the redress of alleged grievances; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Conkling presented seven petitions of citizens of New York, praying an amendment to the pension laws, extending the time of limitation for obtaining pensions to July 4, 1880; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Oglesby presented the petition of Thomas B. Kelly, praying to be allowed the difference of pay between that of a lieutenant and a private from April 4, 1863, to September 15, 1864; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Whyte that when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 28 / Nays..... 24

On motion by Mr. Allison,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Edmunds, Eustis, Hill, Hoar, Ingalls, Kernan, McDonald, Mc-

Millan, Mitchell, Morrill, Ransom, Sargent, Saulsbury, Wadleigh, Whyte, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Beck, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Chaffee, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Ferry, Garland, Hereford, Howe, Johnston, Kirkwood, McCreery, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Saunders, Teller, Thurman, Wallace, Withers.

So the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 205) granting an increase of pension to William Winans, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 81) thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Dorsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 611) to extend the charter of the Franklin Insurance Company of the City of Washington, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Chaffee, from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 789) to appropriate money for the purchase of a law library for the Territory of Dakota, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Chaffee, from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1201) making an appropriation for the purchase of a law library for the use of the courts and the United States officers in the Territory of Wyoming, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Anna L. Robbins, submitted a report (No. 82) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 697) granting a pension to Anna L. Robbins; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Withers,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Eliza Shelton and others, and that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Booth: A bill (S. 698) for the establishment of certain mail-routes in the States of California and Nevada; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Kernan: A bill (S. 699) to amend section 607, chapter 6, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, entitled "Circuit courts organization"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McCreery: A bill (S. 700) for the relief of the Louisville and Jefferson County Agricultural and Mechanical Association of the State of Kentucky; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Kirkwood: A bill (S. 701) providing for holding the terms of the United States district court for the southern division of Iowa at Burlington, in said division; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hoar submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Appropriations be instructed to consider and report whether the work on the public buildings in the city of Washington now suspended may be resumed forthwith so as to give present employment to the workingmen whose families are suffering from destitution.

Mr. Wadleigh, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, reported the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the additional sum of $849.80 be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate to C. W. Stagg, being the balance due him for reporting testimony taken at Portland, Oregon, under Senate resolution of March 17, 1877, to investigate charges made against Hon. L. F. Grover.

Mr. Plumb submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That there be printed ten thousand copies of the report of the United States Entomological Commission; six thousand copies of which shall be for the use of the House of Representatives, three thousand for the use of the Senate, and one thousand copies for the use of the commission.

On motion by Mr. Saunders,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. 17) supplemental to a joint resolution in relation to the International Industrial Exposition to be held in Paris in 1878; and,

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Paddock,

After debate,

Ordered, That the resolution be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 142. An act granting a pension to George McCoy.

H. R. 305. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Rebecca C. Maxwell, widow of the late Colonel O. C. Maxwell, One hundred and ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

H. R. 467. An act restoring the name of Thomas Crawford, a soldier of the Mexican war, to the pension-roll.

H. R. 535. An act for the relief of the executors of the estate of John S. Miller, deceased.

H. R. 536. An act for the relief of W. C. Snyder, of Illinois.

H. R. 742. An act granting a pension to Reuben J. Chewning.

H. R. 1135. An act to authorize the issue of a patent of certain lands in the Brothertown reservation, in the State of Wisconsin, to the persons selected by the Brothertown Indians.

H. R. 1272. An act for the relief of the Old Dominion Steamship Company.

H. R. 1947. An act granting a pension to Dwight A. Barrett, late private Company E, Forty-sixth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry.

H. R. 1948. An act granting a pension to Bridget T. Hopper.

H. R. 1949. An act granting a pension to Benjamin C. Webster.

H. R. 1950. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth D. Stone.

H. R. 1966. An act for the relief of J. H. Duncan, postmaster at Elberton, Georgia.

H. R. 54. Joint resolution authorizing the printing and distribution of the memorial addresses on the life and character of the late Edward Young Parsons, a Representative from the State of Kentucky.

The bills and joint resolution last received from the House of Repre-

sentatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 142, H. R. 305, H. R. 467, H. R. 742, H. R. 1947, H. R. 1948, H. R. 1949, and H. R. 1950 be referred to the Committee on Pensions; that the bill H. R. 535 be referred to the Committee on Finance; that the bills H. R. 536 and H. R. 1966 be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads; that the bill H. R. 1135 be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs; that the bill H. R. 1272 be referred to the Committee on Commerce; and that the joint resolution H. R. 54 be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Whyte,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened; and,

On motion by Mr. Matthews, at 5 o'clock and 22 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1878.

Mr. Kirkwood presented a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying the establishment of a post-route from Solon to Mechanicsville, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Butler presented a memorial of the town council of Beaufort, South Carolina, praying the establishment of a naval station at Port Royal, South Carolina; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Beck presented the petition of James Shism, a soldier in the war of 1812, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Wallace presented a resolution of the legislature of Pennsylvania, in favor of the making of contracts by the Post-Office Department for carrying foreign mails in American-built vessels, and for such legislation as will tend to restore American commerce; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the legislature of California, in favor of an appropriation for the improvement of Wilmington Harbor, in Los Angeles County, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Voorhees presented a memorial of citizens of Indiana, remonstrating against any change in the rates of duty on imported linseed; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Christiancy presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan, remonstrating against any change in the rates of duty on foreign wools; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Christiancy presented a memorial of Samuel Day, praying compensation for mileage, quarters, and fuel while engaged in collecting vegetables and military stores for the United States Army, under military orders, during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Saunders presented resolutions adopted at a meeting of citizens of Omaha, Nebraska, and Council Bluffs, Iowa, remonstrating against the passage of the bill explanatory of the acts in relation to the Union Pacific Railroad and its branches; which were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Paddock presented a resolution of the Kansas City Board of Trade, in favor of an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Missouri River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Petitions, praying an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the several States from disfranchising citizens of the United States on account of sex, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Grover: A petition of citizens of Oregon.
By Mr. Kirkwood: A petition of citizens of Iowa.
By Mr. Eaton: A petition of citizens of Connecticut.
By Mr. McPherson: A petition of citizens of New Jersey.
By Mr. Matthews: A petition of citizens of Ohio.
By Mr. Hoar: Three petitions of citizens of Massachusetts.
By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: Two petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania.
By Mr. Windom: A petition of citizens of Minnesota.
By Mr. McMillan: A petition of citizens of Minnesota.
By Mr. Dorsey: A petition of citizens of Utah Territory.
By Mr. Kernan: Two petitions of citizens of New York.
By Mr. Ferry: Two petitions of citizens of Michigan.
By Mr. Mitchell: A petition of citizens of Oregon.
By Mr. Thurman: A petition of citizens of Ohio.
By Mr. Edmunds: A petition of citizens of Vermont.
By Mr. Burnside: A petition of citizens of Rhode Island.
By Mr. Cockrell: A petition of citizens of Missouri.
By Mr. Conkling: Five petitions of citizens of New York.
By Mr. Wallace: A petition of citizens of Pennsylvania.
By Mr. Sargent: A petition of citizens of California.
By Mr. Voorhees: A petition of citizens of Indiana.
By Mr. Oglesby: A petition of citizens of Illinois.
By Mr. McDonald: A petition of citizens of Indiana.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Petitions, praying the removal of their political disabilities, and to be allowed the right of suffrage, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Thurman: A petition of Phebe Painter.
By Mr. Matthews: A petition of Mary V. Griffith.
By Mr. Windom: A petition of Susan D. Cady.
By Mr. Howe: A petition of Henrietta J. Partridge.
By Mr. Sargent: A petition of Clarinda J. H. Nichols, and a petition of Mrs. A. A. Haskell.
By Mr. Hoar: A petition of Lucinda Hosmer, a petition of Ann F. Hosmer, and a petition of Hannah Hosmer.
By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: A petition of Cornelia H. Scarborough, and a petition of Rebecca Simpson.
By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A petition of Lucena J. DeWolf, a petition of Mrs. E. M. Drake, a petition of Mrs. James Cowing, a petition of Fannie D. Strickland, a petition of Mrs. W. W. Ames, a petition of Emeline L. Wolcott, and a petition of Mrs. L. S. Mason.
By Mr. Anthony: A petition of Anna W. Spencer, and a petition of Catharine C. Knowles.

By Mr. Saunders: A petition of Mrs. Clara A. Brown, a petition of Mrs. Kate F. T. Cornell, and a petition of Mrs. Susannah McF. Kendall.

By Mr. Mitchell: A petition of Lucinda F. Proebstel, and a petition of Harriet A. Laughary.

By Mr. Ferry: A petition of Cora E. Williams, a petition of Mrs. Eliza J. Christie, a petition of Mrs. S. Carpenter, a petition of Mary H. Hunter, and a petition of Clarissa A. Richardson.

By Mr. Conkling: A petition of Jane T. Welton, and a petition of Helen M. Loder.

By Mr. Dorsey: A petition of Mary S. Cady.

By Mr. Spencer: A petition of Frank B. McCarty, a petition of R. Homes Drake, and a petition of L. S. Weightman, and others, of Washington, D. C.

By Mr. Plumb: A petition of Mrs. R. A. Eaton and others, of Kansas.

By Mr. Oglesby: A petition of Genevieve G. Jones, and a petition of Jane G. Jones.

By Mr. Booth: A petition of Mrs. Henry S. Lake, and a petition of Mrs. Maria Peters.

By Mr. Ingalls: A petition of Emma Barr.

By Mr. Withers: A petition of Laura Langhorne.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Memorials, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign imports, and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Ferry: Two memorials of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Matthews: Two memorials of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Dawes: A memorial of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Wallace: A memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McDonald presented a memorial of citizens of Indiana, remonstrating against any change in the rates of duty on jute and jute-butts; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hoar presented a petition of citizens of Massachusetts, praying the recognition of their claims for pensions who are sufferers, as they allege, by the limitations of an unwise pension law; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petitions, praying an amendment to the pension laws extending the time of limitation for obtaining arrears of pensions to July 4, 1880, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Matthews: A petition of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Eaton: Two petitions of citizens of Connecticut.

By Mr. Kernan: Ten petitions of citizens of New York.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. McDonald presented a petition of citizens of Indiana, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Matthews presented a memorial of the Clearing-House Association, of Cincinnati, praying the repeal of the law imposing a tax on the deposits in banks; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions, praying the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver, and for the repeal of the so-called resumption act, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Voorhees: Twenty-one petitions of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Kernan: Ten petitions of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Conkling: A petition of citizens of New York City.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions, praying the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver, and to restore its legal-tender character, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Plumb: A petition of citizens of Kansas.

By Mr. Conkling: Fifteen petitions of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Matthews: A petition of citizens of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Conkling presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the repeal of the law providing for the payment of the United States bonds in coin, also the national-bank act, and for the passage of a law making greenbacks a legal tender in payment of all debts, public and private; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented the petition of Huff Jones, praying compensation for property alleged to have been seized and appropriated by United States authorities in Shawano County, Wisconsin, and also remuneration for alleged damages arising out of a contract to sell to him certain timber, which contract was annulled and set aside by the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Beck presented the petition of J. A. Hodges, praying compensation for lumber furnished for the use of the Army in Tennessee during the late war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of Eugene O. Sullivan, praying an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented additional papers in relation to the claim of William S. Mitchell; which, with the petition and papers on the files of the Senate, were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Garland presented additional papers in relation to the claim of John L. Buck; which, with the petition and papers on the files of the Senate, were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Butler presented the petition of the Union Bank of Columbia, South Carolina, praying the repeal of section 3412 of the Revised Statutes, imposing a tax upon the notes of State banking associations used for circulation; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of William Emerson, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of New York, remonstrating against the passage of the bill known as the "Bland silver bill."

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, recommending the transfer of a portion of the Fort Fetterman military reservation to the custody and control of the Secretary of the Interior; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Allison,

Ordered, That Alexander C. Crawford have leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate his petition and papers, on leaving copies of the same with the Secretary.

On motion by Mr. Withers,

Ordered, That Annie E. Dixon have leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate her petition and papers, on leaving copies of the same with the Secretary.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the resolution of the Senate of October 17, 1877, providing for the removal of the books and files stored in the lofts of the old portion of the Capitol to the basements or other places in the building safe from fire.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 3068) for the allowance of certain claims reported by the accounting-officer of the Treasury Department, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The bill (H. R. 3068) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

To the Senate:

I transmit herewith, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of the 6th of December last, a report from the Secretary of State and its accompanying papers.

R. B. HAYES.

WASHINGTON, *February* 6, 1878.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Howe, from the Joint Committee on the Library, which was instructed by the joint resolution of Congress to make provision for the formal presentation of the painting tendered to Congress by Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, reported a programme of arrangements for such presentation; and moved that at two o'clock p. m. to-morrow the Senate repair to the hall of the House of Representatives, and at the conclusion of the ceremonies return to its chamber; and

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 54) authorizing the printing and distribution of the memorial addresses on the life and character of the late Edward Young Parsons, a Representative from the State of Kentucky, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the resolution read a third time.

The said resolution as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, reported a bill (S. 702) providing portraits to accompany the memorial addressess on the late Senators Morton and Bogy; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 320) amendatory of the act to incorporate the Capitol, North O Street and South Washington Railway Company, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Dorsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 623) to amend section 993 of the Revised Statutes of the United States for the District of Columbia, so as to make the 22d of February a holiday within said District, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Rollins, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 595) to further define and enlarge the powers and duties of the Board of Health of the District of Columbia, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 701) providing for holding the terms of the United States district courts for the southern division of Iowa at Burlington, in said division, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Melvina A. Maltby, praying for a pension, submitted a report (No. 83) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 703) granting a pension to Melvina A. Maltby; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Grace Aikins, praying for a pension, submitted a report (No. 84) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 704) granting a pension to Grace Aikins; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Ellen Truesdale, submitted an adverse report (No. 85) thereon.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred a letter of the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting, in obedience to law, copies of accounts rendered to and settled with the First Comptroller for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1877, and also a letter of the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting copies of accounts rendered to and adjusted with the Sixth Auditor of the Treasury for the fiscal years ended June 30, 1876 and 1877, reported against printing the same.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Chaffee: A bill (S. 705) to authorize the payment of certain vouchers for supplies furnished Indians in New Mexico and Arizona; and

A bill (S. 706) authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to make certain negotiations with the Ute Indians in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. McDonald: A bill (S. 707) for the relief of Mary A. Lord; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Beck: A bill (S. 708) for the relief of J. D. Butler; and

A bill (S. 709) for the relief of J. A. Hodges; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 710) to authorize the Secretary of War to issue ordnance stores and equipage for the use of students in colleges, and other institutions of learning where military instruction is given; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Garland: A bill (S. 711) to amend section 1059 of the Revised

Statutes, in relatian to captured and abandoned property; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 712) granting a pension to William London; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 713) for the relief of Martin Clark; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. McPherson: A bill (S. 714) for the relief of Joseph E. Moore; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Ferry: A bill (S. 715) to provide for a water route to facilitate transportation between Lake Michigan and Lake Erie; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A bill (S. 716) for the relief of Huff Jones; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Eaton: A bill (S. 717) in furtherance of civil-service reform; to the Committee on Civil Service and Retrenchment.

By Mr. Morrill: A bill (S. 718) granting a pension to Warren F. Wood; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 719) making an appropriation for the construction of a steam-tender for light-house and buoy-service on the Columbia River; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Allison: A bill (S. 720) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to deposit certain funds in the United States Treasury in lieu of investment; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Kellogg: A bill (S. 721) to relieve Morgan's Louisiana and Texas Railroad, formerly the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad, from certain conditions imposed by act of June 3, 1856, chapter 42, section 3; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Kellogg: A bill (S. 722) for the relief of John W. Hickey; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Kellogg: A bill (S. 723) for the relief of the sureties on the official bond of B. T. Beauregard, late collector of internal revenue, second district of Louisiana; to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wadleigh submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That there be printed for the use of the Senate, one thousand copies of the proceedings before the Committee on Privileges and Elections in the matter of sundry petitions and memorials praying for a sixteenth amendment to the Constitution.

On motion by Mr. Kernan,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1891) for the relief of the Eagle and Phœnix Manufacturing Company, of Columbus, Georgia; and,

The question being on the amendment reported by the Committee on Finance,

Pending debate,

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its last adjournment, viz, the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of said bill; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Hamlin, at 5 o'clock and 5 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1878.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

In compliance with the resolution of Congress entitled "Joint resolution accepting a painting tendered to Congress by Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson," approved by me on the 1st instant, I have this day caused a copy of the resolution to be delivered to Mrs. Thompson.

R. B. HAYES.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, *February* 11, 1878.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. McCreery presented the petition of Hannah Streets, widow of John W. Streets, late of Company B, One hundred and seventeenth United States Colored Troops, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. McMillan presented a memorial of the legislature of Minnesota, in favor of an extension of the grant to the Hastings and Dakota Railway; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Randolph presented two petitions of citizens of New Jersey, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Randolph presented a memorial of citizens of New Jersey, remonstrating against any action concerning a revision of tariff duties until after it shall have been ascertained by official inquiry that such action would best promote general prosperity; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Saunders presented a petition of citizens of Nebraska, praying an amendment to the timber-culture act in relation to the planting of trees; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Armstrong presented a petition of citizens of Saint Louis, Missouri, praying an extension of the patent granted to James D. Sarvin for improvement in carriage-wheels; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the legislature of California, in favor of the passage of a law granting pensions to all soldiers, sailors, and marines who served in the Mexican war; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the legislature of California, in favor of an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor of San Luis Obispo, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Oglesby presented a memorial of the Board of Trade of Chicago, Illinois, in favor of an appropriation for the completion of the breakwater at the entrance of the harbor of refuge in Sturgeon Bay; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Thurman presented a petition of citizens of Ohio, praying the repeal of the law providing for the resumption of specie payments January 1, 1879; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions, praying an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the several States from disfranchising citizens of the United States on account of sex, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Barnum: Three petitions of citizens of Connecticut.

By Mr. Armstrong: Two petitions of citizens of Missouri.

By Mr. Randolph: A petition of citizens of New Jersey.

By Mr. Christiancy: Two petitions of citizens of Michigan.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Christiancy presented five petitions of citizens of Michigan, praying the removal of their political disabilities and to be invested with the right of suffrage; which were referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Memorials, remonstrating against any change in the rates of duty on foreign imports and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Thurman: A petition of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Randolph: A petition of citizens of New Jersey.

By Mr. Matthews: A petition of citizens of Ohio.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Thurman presented resolutions of the legislature of Ohio, in favor of the free coinage of the silver dollar and the restoration of its legal-tender character.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Merrimon presented a memorial of citizens of North Carolina remonstrating against the passage of a law providing for the abolition of the western judicial district of that State; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Christiancy presented the petition of Robert Grayson, praying an amendment to the pension laws, extending the time of limitation for obtaining arrears of pension to July 4, 1880; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Johnston,

Ordered, That the memorial and papers of the heirs of William A. Graham, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Patents.

On motion by Mr. Kernan,

Ordered, That the memorial and papers of Rollin White, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 372) granting a pension to Adelia K. Clark, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 88) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 593) granting a pension to Margaret R. Coloney, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 340) for the relief of William F. Grove, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 92) thereon.

Mr. Plumb, from th Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 341) for the relief of Charles H. Moseley, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 28) authorizing the appointment of stenographers by the judge-advocates of the several military departments, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 377) to authorize the restoration of Stephen O'Connor to the rank of first lieutenant in the Army, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bills (S. 372, S. 593, S.

340, S. 341, S. 28, S. 377); and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 328) granting a pension to Mrs. Esther A. George, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 89) thereon.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 178) to remove all restrictions now existing in regard to enlistments of the colored citizen in any arm of the United States Army, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Edmunds, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3072) to authorize a special term of the circuit court of the United States for the southern district of Mississippi to be held at Scranton, in Jackson County, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 90) thereon.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 401) for the relief of Charles H. Moseley, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 93) thereon.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 452) to provide for a commission on the subject of the alcoholic-liquor traffic, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 90) declaring that a reduction of the tax on distilled spirits is inexpedient, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Nancy E. McClelland, praying for a pension, submitted a report (No. 86) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 724) granting a pension to Nancy E. McClelland; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred a letter of the Secretary of War on the subject of an amendment of the 104th Article of War, in relation to the execution of the findings of courts-martial, submitted a report (No. 87) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 725) to amend the 104th Article of War; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 165) to reimburse the State of Texas for expenses incurred by said State in repelling invasions of Indians and Mexicans, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of William McCartney, submitted an adverse report (No. 91) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Isabella McGunnegle, reported adversely thereon.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following memorials, asking payment to the States entitled thereto of the unpaid balances of expenses incurred for enrolling, arming, equipping, and supplying troops to aid in the suppression of the late rebellion, and that they be referred to the Committee on Claims:

The memorial of James D. Williams, governor of Indiana.

The memorial of Horace Fairbanks, governor of Vermont.

The memorial of James B. McCreery, governor of Kentucky.

The memorial of J. F. Hartranft, governor of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Plumb asked and obtained the consent of the Senate to submit the views of the minority of the Committee on Military Affairs on the bill (S. 26) to donate a portion of the military reservation of Fort Harker to the State of Kansas for the establishment of an educational or charitable institution, and to open the remainder of said reservation to settlement; which were ordered to be printed to accompany the report of the committee (No. 61).

Leave having been obtained, bills and a joint resolution were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Matthews: A bill (S. 726) for the relief of Henry E. Sizer; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 727) making an appropriation for the protection of the navigation of the Missouri River near Atchison, Kansas; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 728) providing for the liability of receivers of railroads, in the State courts of the several States of the Union; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 729) for the relief of Jane Polk, widow of John R. Polk, deceased; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A bill (S. 730) to amend section 4414 of the Revised Statutes; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Maxey: A bill (S. 731) to extend the commerce of the United States with Mexico, secure economy in the expenditure required for national defense, and to provide for the completion of a Southern Pacific Railway; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Matthews: A joint resolution (S. 19) in reference to the disapproval of an act of the Territory of Arizona; to the Committee on Territories.

On motion by Mr. Dawes,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 557) directing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase certain property of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company for the use of the United States, and for other purposes; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Edmunds, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

On motion by Mr. Dawes that the Senate reconsider its vote on the passage of the foregoing bill,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The vote ordering the bill to be engrossed and read a third time, and the vote concurring in the amendment made in Committee of the Whole having also been reconsidered, the question recurred on concurring in the amendment made in Committee of the Whole; and

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Dawes to amend the bill,

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being proposed,

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 623) to amend section 993 of the Revised Statutes of the United States for the District of Columbia, so as to make the 22d of February a holiday within said District; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Hoar, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 648) to constitute a commission to consider and report a plan for providing enlarged accommodations for the Library of Congress; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

Pending debate,

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the bill of the Senate (S. 702) providing portraits to accompany the memorial addresses on the late Senators Morton and Bogy; and

It has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H. R. 54) authorizing the printing and distribution of the memorial addresses on the life and character of the late Edward Young Parsons, a Representative from the State of Kentucky.

The President of the United States has informed the House of Representatives that he approved and signed, on the 7th instant, the following act and joint resolution:

H. R. 2479. An act for the removal of obstructions from the Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, and Red Rivers, and for the preservation of the public property.

H. R. 85. Joint resolution extending the thanks of Congress to Henry M. Stanley.

I am directed to notify the Senate that the House of Representatives is now ready to receive the Senate in the Hall of the House, to attend the ceremonies of the presentation of the painting tendered to Congress by Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson.

The hour of 2 o'clock p. m. having arrived, pursuant to its order of yesterday the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, to attend the presentation of the painting above mentioned; and at the conclusion of the ceremonies,

The Senate, at 3 o'clock and 15 minutes p. m., returned to its chamber.

On motion by Mr. Johnston that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 21 / Nays..... 29

On motion by Mr. Allison,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Barnum, Bayard, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Christiancy, Conover, Dennis, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Hamlin, Hoar, Johnston, Kirkwood, Mitchell, Morgan, Randolph, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Beck, Booth, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Ferry, Garland, Grover, Hereford, Howe, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Kernan, McCreery, Matthews, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Withers, at 6 o'clock and 25 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1878.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of New York, in favor of an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvil Creek; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of William Winans, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Armstrong presented two petitions of mates, masters, pilots, and engineers, praying an amendment to the act authorizing the employment of aliens as engineers and pilots, so as to require such aliens, applicants for renewal of license, to show that they are permanent citizens of the United States; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Withers presented the petition of Joseph Owens, late a captain in the United States Army, in the war of 1812, praying to be allowed an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Allison presented two petitions of citizens of Iowa, praying an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the several States from disfranchising citizens of the United on States account of sex; which were referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Petitions, praying the removal of their political disabilities and that be invested with the right of suffrage, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Allison: A petition of Clarissa Seymour, a petition of Mary A. Mills, and a petition of Sarah Coffin.

By Mr. Dennis: A petition of Nancy M. Baird.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Kernan presented a memorial of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, remonstrating against the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Butler presented a petition of citizens of Chesterfield County, South Carolina, praying an appropriation to rebuild the court-house in that county, destroyed by the United States troops during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any action concerning a revision of tariff duties until after it shall have ascertained by official inquiry that such action would best promote general prosperity; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against any legislation affecting the duties on imports which is not based upon a thorough investigation of details, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: A memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Ferry: A memorial of citizens of Michigan.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against any change in the rates of duty on foreign imports, and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee were presented as follows:

By Mr. Christiancy: A memorial of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: Six memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Ferry: A memorial of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Conkling: Three memorials of citizens of New York.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ferry presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign wools; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a communication from William H. Van Nortwick, in relation to the revenue tax on distilled spirits; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Maxey presented a petition of William and James Vance, of San Antonio, Texas, praying compensation for the use and occupancy of their property by the United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Conkling presented a petition of Lieutenant Marcus W. Lyon and other officers of the Ordnance Corps, praying the passage of a law authorizing the Secretary of War to amend the relative rank of certain first lieutenants of the Ordnance Corps; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against an extension of the patent of E. N. Horsford for an acid substitute for cream of tartar for culinary purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Conkling presented two petitions of citizens of New York, praying an amendment to the pension laws, extending the time of limitation for obtaining arrears of pension to July 4, 1880; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of West Virginia,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of James Dix, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, which was in-

ructed by the resolution of the Senate of January 15, 1878, to inquire whether any legislation is necessary to increase the annual appropriation for the militia of the several States and Territories to correspond with the increase of population since the passage of the act of 1808, and to settle the balance of the claims of the State of Ohio and other States that furnished troops in aid of the government during the late war, reported a recommendation that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the first paragraph of the resolution; and that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subjects embraced in the second, third, and fourth paragraphs of the resolution, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Claims; and

The report was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of citizens of New York, asking an appropriation to aid in furnishing supplies of food to the destitute poor of the four provinces of China who are sufferers by the famine now prevailing in that country, &c.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the letter from the Secretary of State, communicating a letter-patent from the Emperor of Russia conferring upon Lieutenant F. V. Greene, United States Army, the Order of St. Anne, third class, &c., and requesting action by Congress to enable Lieutenant Greene to accept the same.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Captain William Chandler, praying to be allowed difference in pay between lieutenant-commander and a commander in the United States Navy, submitted an adverse report (No. 95) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Allison, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 691) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the sale of certain New York Indian lands in Kansas," approved February 19, 1873, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Hamlin, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 18) authorizing Lieutenant Theodorus B. M. Mason, of the United States Navy, to accept a silver medal from the King of Italy, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was

referred the bill (S. 720) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to deposit certain funds in the United States Treasury in lieu of investment, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 458) to authorize and equip an expedition to the Arctic Seas, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 94) thereon.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 47) authorizing Rear-Admiral John J Almy, United States Navy, to accept a decoration from the King of the Hawaiian Islands, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 55) to authorize Medical Inspector Thomas J. Turner, United States Navy, to accept a diploma of the Order of Kamehameha from the King of the Hawaiian Islands, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Hamlin, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1989) to authorize Spencer F. Baird, Assistant Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, to receive from the King of Sweden a diploma and medal constituting him a member of the Norwegian Order of Saint Olaf, the same being a literary and scientific organization, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Edmunds, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the memorial of citizens of Wyoming Territory, in relation to the condition of judicial districts therein and the assignment of judges thereto, &c., reported a bill (S. 732) annulling an act of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Wyoming, entitled "An act to provide for the organization of Crook and Pease Counties, and to provide for holding court therein," approved by the governor of said Territory on the 15th day of December, 1877; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred a letter from the Secretary of War, recommending the passage of an act authorizing William J. Wilson, assistant surgeon, United States Army, to accept a decoration of the Order of Mejidieh, conferred by the Khedive of Egypt, reported a bill (S. 733) authorizing William J. Wilson, assistant surgeon, United States Army, to receive from the Khedive of Egypt a decoration for gallantry in battle in the action near Gura, Abyssinia, March 7, 1876; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 734) for the relief of Alonzo Gesner; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 735) making an appropriation for the erection of a light-house and fog-bell on Whale Rock, at the entrance of Narragansett Bay; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 736) for the relief of Henry C. Baldwin; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 737) to provide for the funding of certain certificates of indebtedness and claims against the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 738) to promote the deposit of savings in a popular loan, and to provide for funding the national debt in home bonds convertible into currency; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A bill (S. 739) in relation to appeals from the Court of Claims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Paddock: A bill (S. 740) to authorize the Secretary of War to relinquish and turn over to the Interior Department certain parts of the Camp Douglas military reservation in the Territory of Utah; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Whyte: A bill (S. 741) for the relief of Christopher H. McNally; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dorsey submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, directed to report to the Senate at the earliest possible day the number of persons now on the United States pension-rolls in the States of Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas, and the Indian Territory; also the number of payments reported daily to the Commissioner of Pensions, made to such persons by the pension-agent from the 4th day of September, 1877, to the 31st day of January, 1878, inclusive.

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 701) providing for holding the terms of the United States district court for the southern division of Iowa at Burlington, in said division; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 119) to remove the charges against Lieutenant Charles Wilkinson, late of Company K, One hundred and second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, on file in the War Department; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Edmunds, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

Ordered, That the Secretary request the House of Representatives to return to the Senate the bill (S. 701) providing for holding the terms of the United States district court for the southern division of Iowa at Burlington, in said division.

Mr. Matthews then submitted a motion that the Senate reconsider its vote on the passage of the foregoing bill.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 90) declaring that a reduction of the tax on distilled spirits is inexpedient; and,

Pending debate,

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment

yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, at 5 o'clock and 40 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1878.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of February 6, 1878, a copy of the record of the court of inquiry in relation to the wreck of the United States steamer Huron; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of Sarah McCooey, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Plumb presented a petition of citizens of Kansas, praying the passage of a law granting arrears of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Mitchell presented a petition of citizens of the United States, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a petition of citizens of Ohio, praying a reduction of the tax on manufactured tobacco; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Eustis presented the petition of Bennett B. Simmes, praying compensation for property alleged to have been taken and appropriated by the United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Withers presented resolutions adopted at a meeting of citizens of Louisa County, Virginia, in favor of a reduction of the tax on manufactured tobacco; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kernan presented a petition of citizens of Rome, New York, praying the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver and for an early resumption of specie payments; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against any reduction of the rates of duty on foreign imports, and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, two memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Dennis, a memorial of citizens of Maryland.

By Mr. Matthews, a memorial of citizens of Ohio.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the passage of a law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented twenty-five petitions of citizens of New York, praying the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver and for the repeal of the so-called resumption act; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sargent presented the petition of Samuel Johnston, praying compensation for property alleged to have been taken and appropriated by

United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Randolph presented a resolution of the city council of Elizabeth, New Jersey, in favor of an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Elizabeth River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Bayard presented a memorial of a committee of the banks of New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and Baltimore, remonstrating against the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented additional papers in relation to the application of John W. Douglass, late collector of internal revenue, nineteenth district, Pennsylvania, to have refunded him the amount of certain moneys and revenue-stamps embezzled by a clerk in his employ while acting as such collector; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kernan presented a petition of the executor of the estate of Gazaway B. Lamar, deceased, praying to have his claim for compensation for certain cotton seized and sold by the United States authorities in Georgia and Florida in 1865, referred to the Court of Claims for adjudication; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Wallace: A bill (S. 742) in relation to the Japanese indemnity fund; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. Johnston: A bill (S. 743) to extend the time in which payments may be made of the final fee in cases of patents passed and allowed; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 744) granting a pension to Sarah McCooey; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Grover: A bill (S. 745) authorizing the survey of a water-route from the Atlantic to the Pacific *via* the Upper Missouri and Columbia Rivers; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Sargent: A bill (S. 746) for the relief of Samuel Johnston; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 747) to organize the Territory of Oklahoma; to the Committee on Territories.

Mr. Voorhees submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Resolved by the Senate, That the Committee on the Judiciary be, and the same is hereby, instructed to ascertain at its earliest convenience whether or not the railroad companies referred to by the acts of the Thirty-ninth Congress, approved respectively July 25th, 26th, and 27th, 1866, and entitled respectively "An act granting lands to the State of Kansas, to aid in the construction of the Kansas and Neosho Valley Railroad, and its extension to Red River," "An act granting lands to the State of Kansas, to aid in the construction of a southern branch of the Union Pacific Railway and Telegraph from Fort Riley, Kansas, to Fort Smith, Arkansas," and "An act granting land to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the States of Missouri and Arkansas to the Pacific coast," have issued bonds of any kind, predicated upon the conditional land-grants of the lands of the Indians of the Indian Territory, claimed by said companies under said acts. If it be ascertained that such bonds have been issued, then it shall be the duty of said committee to ascertain in whose possession the bonds are and for what purpose.

Resolved further, That said committee in the discharge of its duties aforesaid be authorized to call for persons and papers, and, when necessary, to compel the attendance of witnesses in its investigation, and to report the result of said investigation to this body during the present session of Congress.

Mr. Hamlin submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to the Senate, if not in his opinion incompatible with the public interest, any correspondence between our government and that of China relating to the "Ward claim" and claim of Charles E. Hill for the charter of the steamer Keor Jeor.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That on Monday next at one o'clock the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the calendar; and bills that are not objected to shall be taken up in their order, and each Senator shall be entitled to speak once and for five minutes only till the end of the calendar is reached, unless upon motion the Senate should at any time otherwise order.

On motion by Mr. Mitchell,

Ordered, That A. B. Meacham have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Kernan,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Henry S. Van De Carr and Elsie M. Reynolds, administrators of the estate of Rensselaer Reynolds, deceased, and Gordon B. Reynolds, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Patents.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 90) declaring that a reduction of the tax on distilled spirits is inexpedient; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, Shall the resolution pass to a third reading?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 40 / Nays 9

The yeas and nays having been heretofore ordered,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Conkling, Dawes, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Grover, Hamlin, Hoar, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Nevada, Kernan, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Teller, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Conover, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, McCreery, Merrimon, Morgan, Randolph, Ransom.

So it was

Ordered, That the resolution pass to a third reading; and

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Ordered, That the question of printing the letter of the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting copies of accounts rendered to and settled with the First Comptroller for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1877, and

the letter of the Treasurer of the United States, transmitting copies of accounts rendered to and adjusted with the Sixth Auditor of the Treasury for the fiscal years ended June 30, 1876 and 1877, be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Matthews withdrew the motion yesterday submitted by him, that the Senate reconsider its vote on the passage of the bill (S. 701) providing for holding the terms of the United States district court for the southern division of Iowa at Burlington, in said division.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to withdraw the request sent to the House of Representatives for the return of the said bill to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Allison,

Ordered, That the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character, with the amendments proposed thereto, be reprinted.

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 596) to regulate the compensation of postmasters, and for other purposes; and,

Pending debate,

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Kirkwood,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and,

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, at 5 o'clock p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1878.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter from the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, communicating the annual report of the board of regents of that institution for the year 1877; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented the petition of Charles Black, praying to be allowed an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as follows:

By Mr. McPherson: Two petitions of citizens of New Jersey;

By Mr. McMillan: A petition of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Minnesota.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McMillan presented a petition of citizens of Minnesota, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Red River of the North; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Voorhees presented a memorial of citizens of Indiana, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on imported linseed; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Whyte presented a memorial of the Medical Society of Harford

County, Maryland, praying the abolition of the duties on imported Peruvian bark and quinine; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Grover presented resolutions of the Oregon State Agricultural Society, urging the importance of the extension of time for the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad; which were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. McPherson presented a resolution of the city council of Elizabeth, New Jersey, in favor of an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Elizabeth River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a resolution of the Board of Trade of Elgin, Illinois, in favor of the abolition of the duty on salt imported from England; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Armstrong presented a memorial of a committee of the Merchants' Exchange of Saint Louis, praying the passage of a law compelling the Union Pacific Railroad Company and its branches to comply with the obligations of the twelfth section of the act of 1862 and the fifteenth section of the act of 1864, in relation to the rates of freight over said road; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Teller presented two memorials of citizens of Colorado, praying that measures be instituted for the extinguishment of the title to certain lands in that State now held by the Ute Indians; which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Matthews presented a memorial of citizens of Ohio, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign imports, and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Edmunds presented six petitions of citizens of Vermont, praying an amendment to the pension laws, extending the time of limitation for obtaining arrears of pension to July 4, 1880; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Kirkwood presented a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, communicating letters of the Commissioner of Pensions in relation to the examination of claimants for pension, and the appointment of a corps of examining surgeons; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Voorhees presented a memorial of the Pottawatomie Indians remaining in Michigan and Indiana, praying payment of annuities alleged to be due them; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, communicating, in obedience to law, the eighth report upon the improvement of the South Pass of the Mississippi River, by M. R. Brown, captain of engineers, United States Army; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Mitchell,

Ordered, That J. M. Keeler have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of the Senate, upon leaving copies of the same with the Secretary of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of the heirs of Robert S. Thomas, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 119) to remove the charges against Lieutenant Charles Wilkinson, late of Company K, One hundred and second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, on file in the War Department; and

It has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 2507. An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

H. R. 104. Joint resolution authorizing Captain William M. Wherry and William E. Hopkins, of the Navy, to accept decorations from the King of the Hawaiian Islands.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (S. 702) and an enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 54), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Armstrong reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bill and joint resolution:

S. 702. An act for providing portraits to accompany the memorial addresses on the late Senators Morton and Bogy.

H. R. 54. Joint resolution authorizing the printing and distribution of the memorial addresses on the life and character of the late Edward Young Parsons, a Representative from the State of Kentucky.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled bill (S. 702) and the enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 54), last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Erna J. Crain, submitted an adverse report (No. 97) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of William C. Shimoneck, praying for an increase of pension, submitted an adverse report (No. 96) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

The bill and joint resolution this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 2507 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and that the joint resolution H. R. 104 be referred to Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Wadleigh on the 11th instant, to print the proceedings before the Committee on Privileges and Elections in the matter of sundry petitions praying for a sixteenth amendment to the Constitution, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution; and

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 181) to provide for the examination of claimants for pension, and for the appointment of a corps of examining surgeons, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and,

On motion by Mr. Kirkwood,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 97) authorizing the Secretary of War to grant permission to the proprietors of the salmon-fisheries now located on Three-Tree Point military reservation, on the Columbia River, in Washinton Territory, to remain on said reservation, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 98) thereon.

Mr. Dennis, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1928) to change the name of the steam-tug C. M. Whittaker to Caroline, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Windom, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 528) to authorize the Worthington and Sioux Falls Railroad Company to extend its road into the Territory of Dakota to the village of Sioux Falls, reported it with an amendment.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 748) to amend an act approved March 3, 1873, entitled "An act authorizing the award to the Vincennes University of certain vacant and abandoned lands in Knox County, Indiana, to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 749) to enable the Secretary of the Interior to make final settlement with the Pottawatomie Indians of Michigan and Indiana, under treaty stipulations existing with them; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. McPherson: A bill (S. 750) to provide for experiments and the purchase of movable torpedoes for military and naval defense; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A bill (S. 751) for the relief of John Charles Black; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Conkling: A bill (S. 752) for the relief of W. H. Newman and L. A. Van Hoffman; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 753) to confirm a certain private land claim in New Mexico; to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

By Mr. Butler: A bill (S. 754) granting a pension to Richard O'Neale; to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sargent submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be requested to forward for the use of the Senate the communication of Rear-Admiral John Rodgers, superintendent of the Naval Observatory, addressed to the Secretary of the Navy, upon the uses of observatories.

Mr. Hamlin submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved by the Senate of the United States (the House of Representatives concurring), That ten thousand five hundred copies of the Report of the Smithsonian Institution for the year 1877 be printed, one thousand copies of which shall be for the use of the Senate, three thousand copies of which shall be for the use of the House of Representatives, and six thousand five hundred copies for the use of the Smithsonian Institution: *Provided*, That the aggregate number of pages shall not exceed five hundred, and that there be no illustrations except those furnished by the Smithsonian Institution.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That there be printed one thousand copies of the second edition of the report

of Chief Engineer King on European Ships of War, for the use of the Navy Department.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 2561. An act to remove the political disabilities of D. M. W. Nash, of Virginia.

H. R. 2842. An act to remove the political disabilities of John P. McCown, of the State of Arkansas.

H. R. 3146. An act to remove the political disabilities of Charles F. M. Spottswood, of Virginia.

H. R. 3276. An act to remove the political disabilities of William C. Whittle, of Virginia.

H. R. 3277. An act to remove the political disabilities of John D. Simms, of Virginia.

H. R. 3278. An act to remove the political disabilities of C. H. Kennedy, of Virginia.

H. R. 3279. An act to remove the political disabilities of C. H. Williamson, of New York.

H. R. 3280. An act to remove the political disabilities of William Sharp, of Virginia.

H. R. 3281. An act to remove the political disabilities of Thomas Jefferson Page, of Virginia.

H. R. 3282. An act to remove the political disabilities of Virginius Freeman, of Virginia.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (H. R. 119) and an enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 90), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bill and joint resolution:

H. R. 119. An act to remove the charges against Lieutenant Charles Wilkinson, late of Company K, One hundred and second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, on file in the War Department.

H. R. 90. Joint resolution declaring that a reduction of the tax on distilled spirits is inexpedient.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 119) and the enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 90) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bills last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

The question being on the first amendment reported by the Committee on Finance,

After debate,

The amendment having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Chaffee, by inserting after the word "dollars," in lines 20 and 21, the word *worth*, and by inserting after the word "coined," in line 21, the words *monthly, as fast as so purchased*,

On motion by Mr. Morrill to further amend the reported amendment by inserting at the end of line 27 the following words:

Provided further, That for the first year after the passage of this act no more than twenty-five per cent., and for the second year not more than fifty per cent., of any payments of duties shall be receivable in the coinage hereby authorized;

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 21 / Nays 46

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Burnside, Butler, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Hamlin, Hoar, Kernan, Lamar, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh, Whyte.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Grover, Hereford, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Ransom, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Wallace to further amend the reported amendment by inserting after the word "dollars," in line 22, the following words:

And one hundred millions of such dollars shall be coined during three years from this date; and if the average monthly gold price paid for silver bullion during the last twelve months thereof shall be less than ninety-seven one-hundredths of a gold dollar, the Secretary of the Treasury may suspend such coinage until further action by Congress;

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 26 / Nays 40

On motion by Mr. Christiancy,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Hamlin, Hoar, Kernan, Lamar, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh, Wallace, Whyte, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Chaffee, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Grover, Hereford, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Plumb, Ransom, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to the first-reported amendment as amended, as follows:

In line 12, section 1, after the word "contracts," strike out the words "and any owner of silver bullion may deposit the same at any United States coinage mint or assay office, to be coined into such dollars for his benefit, upon the same terms and conditions as gold bullion is deposited for coinage under existing laws," and in lieu thereof insert the following words:

And the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to purchase, from time to time, silver bullion, at the market price thereof, not less than two million dollars' worth per month, nor more than four million dollars' worth per month, and cause the same to be coined monthly as far as so purchased into such dollars. And any gain or seigniorage arising from this coinage shall be accounted for and paid into the Treasury, as provided under existing laws relative to the subsidiary coinage: Provided, That the amount of money at any one time invested in such silver bullion, exclusive of such resulting coin, shall not exceed five million dollars;

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 49 / Nays 22

The yeas and nays having been heretofore ordered,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Christiancy, Conkling, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Edmunds, Ferry, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Kellogg, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McDonald, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Randolph, Ransom, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Teller, Wadleigh, Wallace, Whyte, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dennis, Eustis, Garland, Grover, Hereford, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, McCreery, Maxey, Morgan, Saunders, Spencer, Thurman, Voorhees, Withers.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds to amend the bill by inserting at the end of line 27 the following words:

But nothing in this section contained shall be construed to interfere with the coinage of gold and the subsidiary silver coin as now authorized by law;

After debate,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 23 / Nays 46

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Edmunds, Hamlin, Hoar, Kernan, Lamar, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh, Whyte, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On the question to agree to the second amendment reported by the Committee on Finance and modified by Mr. Allison, viz:

Insert as an additional section the following:

SEC. 2. *That immediately after the passage of this act, the President*

shall invite the governments of the countries composing the Latin Union, so called, and of such other European nations as he may deem advisable, to join the United States in a conference to adopt a common ratio between gold and silver, for the purpose of establishing, internationally, the use of bi-metallic money, and securing fixity of relative value between those metals; such conference to be held at such place, in Europe or in the United States, at such time within six months as may be mutually agreed upon by the executives of the governments joining in the same, whenever the governments so invited, or any three of them, shall have signified their willingness to unite in the same.

The President shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint three commissioners, who shall attend such conference on behalf of the United States, and shall report the doings thereof to the President, who shall transmit the same to Congress.

Said commissioners shall each receive the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars and their reasonable expenses, to be approved by the Secretary of State; and the amount necessary to pay such compensation and expenses is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated;

After debate,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 40 / Nays 30

On motion by Mr. Butler,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Christiancy, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Ferry, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Kellogg, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Teller, Wadleigh, Wallace, Whyte, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Edmunds, Eustis, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Ransom, Saulsbury, Spencer, Thurman, Voorhees, Withers.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. McDonald to amend the bill by striking out in line 12 the words "provided by" and in lieu thereof inserting the words *expressly stipulated in the;*

After debate,

It was determined in the affirmative { Yeas ..... 37 / Nays 35

On motion by Mr. McDonald,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Oglesby, Ransom, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Christiancy, Conkling, Dawes,

Eaton, Edmunds, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Hamlin, Hoar, Kernan, Lamar, McMillan, McPherson, Mitchell, Morgan, Morrill, Paddock, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh, Whyte, Windom.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Morrill to further amend the bill by inserting after the word "contract," in line 12, the words *and for all incompleted contracts requiring money payments, such payments shall be made on the basis of the value represented by United States notes at the date of such contracts*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 20 / Nays 45

On motion by Mr. Butler,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Dawes, Eaton, Hamlin, Hoar, Kernan, Lamar, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh, Whyte.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Grover, Hereford, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Saulsbury, Saunders, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Allison, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That debate on amendments to the bill be confined to five minutes by any Senator on the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, to further amend the bill by striking out in lines 4 and 5 the words "four hundred and twelve and a half" and in lieu thereof inserting *four hundred and twenty*,

On motion by Mr. Blaine to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Cameron by striking out in the part proposed to be inserted the word "twenty" and in lieu thereof inserting *twenty-five*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 23 / Nays 46

On motion by Mr. Blaine,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Conkling, Conover, Dawes, Eaton, Hamlin, Hoar, Kernan, Lamar, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh, Whyte.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Ransom, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte, Withers.

So the amendment to the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Eaton to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Cameron by striking out in the part proposed to be inserted the word "twenty," and in lieu thereof inserting *forty*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 18 / Nays..... 49

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Burnside, Butler, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Hamlin, Hoar, Kernan, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh, Whyte.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

So the amendment to the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 25 / Nays..... 44

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Dawes, Edmunds, Hamlin, Hoar, Kernan, Lamar, McMillan, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh, Whyte, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Chaffee, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Plumb, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Whyte to further amend the bill by inserting after the word "private," in line 11, the words *to the amount of twenty dollars in any one payment*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 20 / Nays..... 46

On motion by Mr. Whyte,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Edmunds, Hamlin, Hoar, Kernan, McPherson, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh, Whyte.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock,

Plumb, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Sargent to further amend the bill by inserting after the word "private," in line 11, the words *except duties on imports, interest on the public debt and*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 18 / Nays..... 45

On motion by Mr. Sargent.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnum, Bayard, Burnside, Butler, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Hamlin, Hoar, Kernan, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh, Whyte.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Booth, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Plumb, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

A further amendment having been proposed by Mr. Coke, and the same having been amended on the motion of Mr. Booth,

On the question to agree to the amendment as amended as follows, viz: Insert as an additional section the following words:

SEC. —. *That any holder of the coin authorized by this act may deposit the same with the Treasurer or any assistant treasurer of the United States, in sums not less than ten dollars, and receive therefor certificates of not less than ten dollars each, corresponding with the denominations of the United States notes. The coin deposited for or representing the certificates shall be retained in the Treasury for the payment of the same on demand. Said certificates shall be receivable for customs, taxes, and all public dues, and, when so received, may be reissued*,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 49 / Nays..... 14

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Christiancy, Cockrell, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hamlin, Hereford, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnum, Bayard, Burnside, Butler, Dawes, Garland, Kernan, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Sargent, Saulsbury, Wadleigh, Whyte.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Christiancy to further amend the bill by inserting at the end of section one the following words:

And the Secretary of the Treasury shall, upon presentation for that pur-

pose, in any sum not less than one hundred dollars, redeem such dollars in the gold coin of the United States, and shall also redeem any of the gold coins of the United States when presented for that purpose, in any sum not less than one hundred dollars, in such silver dollars; both such silver dollars and such gold coins to be reckoned at their nominal standard value. And said Secretary, for the purpose of such redemption, shall be authorized to use any of the coin in the Treasury, whether constituting part of the sinking-fund, or held for the purpose of paying interest on the public debt, and any other coin in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, replacing the same by the coin thus redeemed,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 14 / Nays 46

On motion by Mr. Christiancy,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Dawes, Hamlin, McPherson, Randolph, Rollins, Saunders, Wadleigh, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Chaffee, Cockrell, Coke, Conkling, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Oglesby, Plumb, Sargent, Saulsbury, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Butler to further amend the bill by inserting at the end of section one the following words:

And the Secretary of the Treasury shall, upon presentation for that purpose, in any sum not less than ten dollars, redeem such dollars in the gold coin of the United States, and shall also redeem any of the gold coins of the United States, when presented for that purpose, in any sum not less than ten dollars, in such silver dollars; both such silver dollars and such gold coins to be reckoned at their nominal standard value,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 18 / Nays 40

On motion by Mr. Butler,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Dawes, Hamlin, Hoar, McPherson, Mitchell, Paddock, Randolph, Rollins, Saunders, Wadleigh, Whyte, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Plumb, Sargent, Saulsbury, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wallace, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Sargent, by inserting at the end of the first section the following words:

And provided further, That nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the payment in silver of certificates of deposit issued under the provisions of section two hundred and fifty-four of the Revised Statutes,

It was reported to the Senate.

On the question to concur in the first amendment made in Committee of the Whole,

On motion by Mr. Allison to amend the amendment by striking out in lines 17 and 18 the words "out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated," and after the word "dollars," in line 22, inserting the words:

And a sum sufficient to carry out the foregoing provision of this act is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,

It was determined in the affirmative; and

The amendment as amended was concurred in.

The residue of the amendments made in Committee of the Whole having been concurred in,

On motion by Mr. Kernan to further amend the bill by inserting at the end of line 27 the following words:

And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to issue the silver dollars coined by virtue of this act in exchange at par for legal-tender Treasury notes of the denomination of one and two dollars, when the same are presented at the office of the assistant treasurer, in the city of New York, in sums not less than fifty dollars at any one time; and Treasury notes so received in exchange shall be canceled;

On motion by Mr. Ferry to amend the amendment by striking out the word "canceled" and in lieu thereof inserting the word *reissued*,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 42 / Nays 25

On motion by Mr. Kernan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Blaine, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Conkling, Dawes, Garland, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Jones of Florida, Kernan, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Wadleigh, Whyte.

So the amendment to the amendment was agreed to.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Kernan as amended,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 10 / Nays 54

On motion by Mr. Kernan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Cockrell, Coke, Ferry, Jones of Nevada, McCreery, Merrimon, Oglesby, Paddock, Spencer.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Christiancy, Conkling, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Dorsey, Eustis, Garland, Grover,

Hamlin, Hereford, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kernan, Kirkwood, McDonald, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Morgan, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Teller, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace, Whyte, Windom, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Merrimon to further amend the bill by inserting at the end of line 27 the words: *And not less than thirty-six millions of such dollars shall be coined annually*,

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being proposed to the bill,

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 48 / Nays 21

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Burnside, Christiancy, Conkling, Dawes, Edmunds, Hamlin, Hoar, Kernan, Lamar, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh, Whyte.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act to authorize the coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Conover, at 4 o'clock and 58 minutes a. m. (Saturday),

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1878.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of February 15, 1878, a communication of Rear-Admiral John Rodgers, United States Navy, on the usefulness of government observatories; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs and ordered to be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of February 4, 1878, copies of all papers relating to the settlemen of accounts for the transportation of the Second United States In-

fantry from Saint Louis to San Francisco in July, 1877; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a resolution of the city councils of Erie, Pennsylvania, in favor of the erection of buildings in that city for the use of the United States courts and other United States offices; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Paddock presented a memorial of the Southern Nebraska Wool-Growers' and Sheep-Breeders' Association, remonstrating against any reduction of the rates of duty on foreign wools; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Christiancy presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law, and praying certain amendments thereto; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a memorial of citizens of Illinois, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on linseed and linseed-oil; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Garland presented a petition of citizens of Arkansas, praying the recognition of their claims for pensions, who are, as they allege, sufferers by the limitations of an unwise pension law; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ferry presented a petition of masters, mates, pilots, and engineers of the United States, praying an amendment to the act authorizing the employment of certain aliens as engineers and pilots, so that licenses shall be granted to such persons only as shall reside permanently in the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. McCreery presented a petition of citizens of Kentucky, praying the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Voorhees presented a memorial of citizens of Indiana, remonstrating against any change in the rates of duty on imported linseed and linseed-oil; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Christiancy presented the petition of Augustus Sprague, late of Company B, Second Michigan Volunteers, praying to have refunded him the amount of money paid by him for a substitute, when not liable to draft; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of the American Iron and Steel Association, remonstrating against any change in the present rates of duty on imports; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Saunders presented a petition of citizens of Nebraska, praying an amendment to the timber-culture act, reducing the number of acres required thereby, and the distance apart at which trees shall be set; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Petitions, praying the remonetization of silver and the repeal of the so-called resumption act, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A petition of citizens of Illinois.

By Mr. Voorhees: A petition of citizens of Indiana.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Matthews presented a memorial of citizens of Ohio, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on imports, and against the restoration of duties on tea and coffee; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, presented the petition of Walter Tate, praying compensation for property alleged to have been seized and appropriated

by the United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Withers presented a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, addressed to him, together with other papers, in relation to the salaries of pension-agents and the expediency of abolishing all pension-agencies; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions, and, together with the resolution of the Senate of October 19, 1877, instructing the Committee on Pensions to inquire into and report by bill or otherwise upon the subject, were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hereford presented a memorial of the board of commissioners appointed to look after the improvement of the navigation of the Ohio River and its tributaries, praying an appropriation for the completion of the Davis Island dam, near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Bayard presented a memorial of the National Liberal League, praying an amendment to the Constitution such as shall effect the total separation of church and state in all departments of the government, and protect all American citizens in the enjoyment of their equal religious rights and liberties; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Paddock presented the petition of C. T. Eubanks, late of the firm of Anthonys and Eubank, of Tennessee, praying, on behalf of himself and other members of said firm, compensation for certain property seized and taken for the use of the United States Army during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Paddock presented the petition of T. R. Eubanks, administrator of the estate of Bennett Lane, deceased, late of Tennessee, praying compensation for certain property seized and taken for the use of the United States Army during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Garland presented a memorial of members of the bar of Fort Smith, Arkansas, praying the passage of a law authorizing the allowance of compensation to attorneys appointed by United States courts to defend persons charged with criminal offenses and who are unable to pay such attorney's fees; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Garland presented a memorial of members of the bar of Fort Smith, Arkansas, praying the passage of a law to provide for appeals from United States district courts held at Fort Smith and Helena, Arkansas, to the circuit court of the United States held at Little Rock, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Beck presented a resolution of the legislature of Kentucky, in favor of the passage of a national quarantine law to prevent the spread of yellow fever within the limits of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by him in February 15, 1878, to print one thousand copies of the second edition of the report of Chief Engineer King on European ships of war, for the use of the Navy Department, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

The resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 527) granting a pension to Morris B. Slosson, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 99) thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Martha C. Kendall, praying for a pension, submitted a report (No. 100) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 755) granting a pension to Martha C. Kendall; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Smith and Rebecca Smith, praying for a pension, submitted an adverse report (No. 101) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Laura A. Turner, praying for an increase of pension, reported adversely thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Chaffee: A bill (S. 756) to provide for the election of a Territorial governor, secretary, and other Territorial officers in the several Territories of the United States; to the Committee on Territories.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 757) to provide for building a military post for the protection of the northern frontier of Montana; and

A bill (S. 758) for the relief of citizens of Montana who served with the United States troops in the war with the Nez Percés, and for the relief of the heirs of such as were killed in such service; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 759) to provide for the organization of the Territory of Oklahoma, and for the better protection of the Indian tribes therein; to the Committee on Territories.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: A bill (S. 760) to reinstate certain officers of the United States Army; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Paddock: A bill (S. 761) for the relief of T. R. Eubanks, administrator of the estate of Barnett Lane; and

A bill (S. 762) for the relief of C. T. Eubanks, successor to the firm of Eubanks and Anthony; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Teller: A bill (S. 763) to provide for holding terms of the circuit and district courts in the district of Colorado; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Hoar: A bill (S. 764) to encourage the formation of free public libraries; to the Committee on the Library.

By Mr. Dawes: A bill (S. 765) for the relief of Donald McKay; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 766) to legalize certain patents to members of the Pottawatomie tribe of Indians; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Merrimon: A bill (S. 767) authorizing the Secretary of War to allow the interment, in the national cemetery at New Berne, in the State of North Carolina, of the remains of the late R. F. Lehman, lately a commissioner of the United States circuit court in the eastern district of North Carolina; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Eustis: A bill (S. 768) to defray the expenses of the mint and assay-office at New Orleans, Louisiana, and making an appropriation therefor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Kellogg: A bill (S. 769) for the relief of the sufferers by the loss of the dredge-boat McAllister; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Conkling: A bill (S. 770) fixing the compensation of the telegraph-operators of the Senate and House of Representatives; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Beck submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be authorized to inquire and report to the Senate what legislation, if any, is necessary to establish and maintain effective quarantine laws and regulations relative to vessels arriving in the United States from the ports of the West India Islands or other tropical countries where yellow fever prevails, so as to guard against the importation and spread of that disease into this country. Said committee may report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Garland submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be requested to make report to the Senate of the condition of the work for removing a certain bar in the Arkansas River, near the city of Fort Smith, Arkansas; whether any further appropriation is needed to successfully complete the same; and, if so, what amount.

Mr. Edmunds submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, instructed to report to the Senate the extent and condition of the lands of the United States in the State of Florida reserved for naval purposes, or for the timber thereon for the use of the Navy.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 14th instant, to proceed to the consideration of bills on the calendar unobjected to; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Anthony, the resolution, as amended, was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That this day, at one o'clock, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the calendar, and bills that are not objected to shall be taken up in their order, and each Senator shall be entitled to speak once, and for five minutes only, till the end of the calendar is reached, unless, upon motion, the Senate should at any time otherwise order.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, that the Senate reconsider its vote postponing indefinitely the bill (S. 23) for the relief of Major and Brevet Colonel Joseph B. Collins, late of the United States Army,

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 107) to enable Indians to become citizens of the United States; and,

The question being on concurring in the amendments made in Committee of the Whole,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to, and made the special order for, Wednesday next at one o'clock; two-thirds of the Senators present agreeing thereto.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, pursuant to its order of this day

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 83. A bill for the relief of Edwin Rogers.

S. 149. A bill for the relief of Charles B. Varney.

S. 363. A bill granting a pension to James Newcomb.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 138) for the relief of settlers on the public lands under the pre-emption laws; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Public Lands having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Ingalls and the motion of Mr. Edmunds, was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 184) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to transfer to the Secretary of the Interior, for entry and sale, all lands in the State of Florida not needed for naval purposes; and, the amendments reported by the Committee on Naval Affairs having been agreed to in part,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 1496) for the relief of George H. Giddings, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 33) for the relief of R. W. Corbin and others; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Claims having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act for the relief of J. A. Henry."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 349) to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund a certain tax erroneously collected; and the amendments reported by the Committee on the District of Columbia having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Cockrell, was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 82) for the relief of Gustav A. Hesselberger; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Military Affairs having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

S. 541. A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the preparation and publication of a new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States," approved March 2, 1877.

S. 633. A bill for the relief of Robert Stevenson.

S. 634. A bill for the relief of L. T. Green.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Conkling, at 3 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m., the Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1878.

The bill (H. R. 1496) yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of February 6, 1878, information in relation to the present condition and state of efficiency of the Life-Saving Service on the coast of North Carolina; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, communicating information in relation to the surveys of the Missouri River at Omaha, Atchison, Plattsmouth, and Brownsville, by Major C. R. Suter, Corps of Engineers; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the legislature of California, remonstrating against any further subsidies being granted by the United States to any steamship company running their vessels between the coast of California and the Chinese Empire; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the legislature of California, in favor of authorizing the President of the United States to appoint a commission to act in conjunction with a like commission to be appointed

by the Government of Great Britain and the Emperor of China, to take into consideration a modification of the existing treaties between the three countries, so as to prohibit the further immigration of Chinese into the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Allison presented a petition of citizens of Dubuque, Iowa, praying the resumption of specie payment, as now provided by law, and that in case a law is passed providing for the remonetization of silver, the silver dollar shall contain a sufficient quantity of silver to make it equal in value with the gold dollar; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ferry presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign wools; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hamlin presented a petition of citizens of Maine, praying the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

Ordered, That Nelson Taylor have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of the Senate, on leaving copies of the same with the Secretary of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Wallace,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 742) in relation to the Japanese indemnity fund; and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, which was instructed, by the resolution of the Senate of January 29, 1878, to inquire whether any person had been appointed to a position in the Army contrary to the provisions of section 28 of the act of July 28, 1866, relating to the Army, or contrary to section 1218 of the Revised Statutes, submitted a report (No. 104) thereon.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 1411. An act to prevent the sale of policy or lottery tickets in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 1412. An act to prevent depredations upon property in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 1432. An act providing for the recording of deeds, mortgages, and other conveyances affecting real estate in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 1716. An act authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to prosecute cases and take appeals without giving bond.

H. R. 2371. An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the support of the government for the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for other purposes.

H. R. 2843. An act to provide for taking testimony for the courts of the District of Columbia.

H. R. 3237. An act to amend an act of Congress entitled "An act regulating gas-works," approved June 23, 1874.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill:

S. 702. An act for providing portraits to accompany the memorial addresses on the late Senators Morton and Bogy.

The bills last received from the House of Representatives for concur-

rence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 560) for the relief of William A. Hammond, late Surgeon-General of the Army, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 102) thereon.

Mr. Chaffee, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 398) extending the act of July 2, 1862, entitled "An act donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanical arts," to the State of Colorado, and for other purposes, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Oglesby, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 490) supplementary to the act entitled "An act in relation to the Hot Springs reservation in the State of Arkansas," approved March 3, 1877, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 104) authorizing Captains William M. Wherry, of the Army, and William E. Hopkins, of the Navy, to accept decorations from the King of the Hawaiian Islands, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Hereford, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of S. D. Bingham and others, of Lansing, Michigan, praying for the reimbursement to E. Walker, postmaster at Okemos, for amount of money and postage-stamps stolen from his office, submitted a report (No. 103) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 771) for the relief of Ebenezer Walker; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Ferry: A bill (S. 772) for the establishment of a certain mail-route in the State of Michigan; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Matthews: A bill (S. 773) making a pre-emption grant to the heirs of Jean Baptiste Beaubien, deceased, for a part of Fort Dearborn reservation at Chicago, Illinois, and to confirm purchasers of other parts in their titles, and to convey to the city of Chicago the streets and alleys of said reservation; to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

By Mr. Hereford: A bill (S. 774) authorizing the Solicitor of the Treasury, by and with the consent of the Secretary of War, to cancel certain contracts for the sale of lots of land made at Harper's Ferry in the year 1869 by the United States, to resell the same, and to sell or lease all other real estate and riparian rights now owned by the United States at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia; and

A bill (S. 775) for the relief of the trustees of Wildley Lodge No. 27 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Charlestown, West Virginia; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Dawes: A bill (S. 776) for the relief of Alexander Sutorius; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Sargent: A bill (S. 777) to organize a life-saving and coast-guard service; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Conover: A bill (S. 778) for the relief of Samuel B. McLin, late an associate justice of the Territory of New Mexico; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following order for consideration:

Ordered, That at one o'clock the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the calendar, under the rule adopted yesterday.

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 596) to regulate the compensation of postmasters, and for other purposes; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads having been agreed to, and a further amendment having been proposed by Mr. Hamlin,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Withers,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 17) amending the laws granting pensions to the soldiers and sailors of the war of 1812 and their widows; and

On the question to agree to the first amendment reported by the Committee on Pensions, viz:

In line 9, section 1, strike out the words "and who were in any engagement;"

On motion by Mr. Edmunds to amend the words proposed to be stricken out by striking out the word "and" and in lieu thereof inserting the word *or*,

It was determined in the affirmative; and

On the question to agree to the amendment as amended,

It was determined in the negative.

The residue of the reported amendments having been agreed to in part, and in part disagreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

On motion by Mr. Oglesby to further amend the bill by striking out sections 5 and 6, in the following words:

"SEC. 5. That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to restore to the pension-rolls the names of all persons now surviving heretofore pensioned on account of service in the war of eighteen hundred and twelve against Great Britain, or for service in any of the Indian wars, and whose names were stricken from the rolls in pursuance of the act entitled 'An act authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to strike from the pension-rolls the names of such persons as have taken up arms against the government, or who have in any manner encouraged the rebels,' approved February fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two; and that the joint resolution entitled 'Joint resolution prohibiting payment by any officer of the government to any person not known to have been opposed to the rebellion and in favor of its suppression,' approved March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and section four thousand seven hundred and sixteen of the Revised Statutes of the United States, shall not apply to the persons provided for by this act: *Provided*, That no money shall be paid to any one on account of pensions for the time during which his name remained stricken from the rolls.

"SEC. 6. That the surviving widow of any pensioner of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, where the name of said pensioner was stricken from the pension-rolls in pursuance of the act entitled 'An act authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to strike from the pension-rolls the names of such persons as have taken up arms against the government, or who have in any manner encouraged the rebels,' approved February fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and where, under the existing provisions of law, said pensioner died without his name being restored to the rolls, shall be entitled to make a claim for a pen-

sion as such widow after the passage of this act: *Provided*, That no such arrearages shall be paid for any period prior to the time of the removal of the disability of the pensioner, as provided in section five: *And provided further*, That under this act any widow of a Revolutionary soldier who served fourteen days or was in any engagement shall be placed upon the pension-rolls of the United States, and receive a pension at the rate of eight dollars per month";

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 7 / Nays..... 50

On motion by Mr. Oglesby,

The yeas and nays being desired by one fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Cameron of Wisconsin, Edmunds, McMillan, Morrill, Oglesby, Teller.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Chaffee, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Hoar, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kirkwood, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Randolph, Ransom, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Voorhees, Wallace, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed,

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 47 / Nays..... 8

On motion of Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Chaffee, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Hoar, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kirkwood, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Paddock, Patterson, Randolph, Ransom, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Voorhees, Wallace, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Cameron of Wisconsin, Edmunds, Hamlin, McMillan, Morrill, Oglesby, Teller.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass; and that the title be amended by adding thereto the words *and for other purposes*.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 732) to annul an act of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Wyoming, entitled "An act to provide for the organization of Crook and Pease Counties, and to provide for holding court therein," approved by the governor of said Territory on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1877; and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, that

The Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 20 / Nays 31

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Conkling, Dawes, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Hamlin, Hereford, Hoar, McMillan, Matthews, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Rollins, Saunders, Spencer.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Butler, Chaffee, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of West Virginia, Eaton, Garland, Gordon, Howe, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Patterson, Plumb, Randolph, Ransom, Sargent, Teller, Voorhees, Windom, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

After further debate,

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, at 4 o'clock and 27 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1878.

Mr. Bailey presented a petition of citizens of Memphis, Tennessee, praying the coinage of a proper amount of silver dollars of the value of the present gold dollars, and that they be declared a legal tender for sums not exceeding twenty dollars; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of Elisha M. Luckett, praying to be allowed arrears of pension claimed to be due for services rendered in the Mexican war; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Allison presented a memorial of citizens of Iowa, remonstrating against any change in the rates of duty on imported linseed and linseed-oil; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Allison presented resolutions of the Board of Trade of Burlington, Iowa, remonstrating against the passage of a law imposing a tax on incomes; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wallace presented a resolution of the city councils of Erie, Pennsylvania, proposing to convey to the United States certain real estate in that city, upon condition that the government construct thereon buildings for the accommodation of the United States courts and offices of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Beck presented the petition of John G. Newlie, praying compensation for property alleged to have been taken and appropriated by the United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Maxey presented the petition of E. Kirby Smith, of Tennessee, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Harris presented the petition of Joseph C. Hodges, of Tennessee, praying compensation for certain horses and mules taken for the use of

the United States Army during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Wallace presented the petition of Austin B. Snyder, praying to be allowed a pension on account of services rendered during the Mexican war; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Matthews presented four petitions of citizens of the United States, praying an extension of the patent granted to James D. Sarvin, for improvement in carriage-wheels; which were referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Spencer presented the petition of Tilman Powell, late a private in Company I, First Alabama Cavalry Volunteers, praying the removal of charges of desertion against him, so as to enable him to draw arrearage of pay claimed to be due him for services rendered; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented a memorial of the legislature of Wisconsin, in favor of the establishment of a post-route from Friendship to Liberty, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Memorials, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign imports and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Ferry: A memorial of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Hoar: A memorial of citizens of Massachusetts.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Allison,

Ordered, That the petition of Caroline R. Hart, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Wadleigh,

Ordered, That the papers in the case of Lieutenant Edwin R. Clark, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 14) for the purchase of copies of the General Register of the Navy and Marine Corps of the United States, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 777) to organize a life-saving and coast-guard service, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Dawes,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 770) fixing the compensation of the telegraph-operators of the Senate and House of Representatives, and that it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 779) for the relief of Tilman Powell; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Oglesby: A bill (S. 780) to provide for indemnity to the several States under the acts of Congress approved March 2, 1855, and March 3, 1857, relating to swamp and overflowed lands; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Armstrong: A bill (S. 781) to revive and amend an act entitled "An act for the final adjustment of private land-claims in the States of Florida, Louisiana, and Missouri, and for other purposes;" to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

By Mr. Bayard: A bill (S. 782) to authorize bondholders and other creditors of railroad corporations to elect receivers in suits in equity pending in courts of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Wallace: A bill (S. 783) granting a pension to Austin B. Snyder; to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That on Monday next, at one o'clock, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the calendar, and continue such consideration from day to day until the same shall have been gone through with; and bills that are not objected to shall be taken up in their order, and each Senator shall be entitled to speak once, and for five minutes only, unless, upon motion, the Senate should at any time otherwise order; and this order shall take precedence of special orders or unfinished business.

Mr. Cockrell submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Agriculture be directed to furnish to the Senate such information and facts as may be in his possession relative to the disease of hogs, commonly called hog-cholera, with such suggestions as he may deem pertinent.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 285. A bill granting a pension to Elizabeth D. Stone.

S. 686. A bill granting a pension to Mary Emma Baptist and Daisy Baptist, minor child.

S. 697. A bill granting a pension to Anna L. Robbins.

S. 704. A bill granting a pension to Grace Aikens.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 611) to extend the charter of the Franklin Insurance Company of the City of Washington; and the amendment reported by the Committee on the District of Columbia having been agreed to,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 596) to regulate the compensation of postmasters, and for other purposes; and

On the question to agree to the amendment yesterday proposed by Mr. Hamlin,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin to further amend the bill by inserting as an additional section the following:

Sec. —. That the President and Vice President of the United States, Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress, the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives may send or receive free through the mails all written or printed communications not exceeding two ounces in weight; and the name of the President and Vice President, and

of each Senator, Representative, Delegate, Secretary of the Senate, or Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be written upon all letters or communications which they respectively send through the mails,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 33 / Nays..... 21

On motion by Mr. Wallace,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Beck, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Chaffee, Christiancy, Conkling, Conover, Dawes, Dorsey, Edmunds, Garland, Grover, Hamlin, Harris, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kirkwood, Lamar, McDonald, Matthews, Morgan, Paddock, Ransom, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Bayard, Booth, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Eaton, Eustis, Ferry, McCreery, McMillan, Merrimon, Morrill, Oglesby, Plumb, Sargent, Saulsbury, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace.

So the amendment was agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 1891) for the relief of the Eagle and Phœnix Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Georgia; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Finance having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (S. 732) to annul an act of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Wyoming, entitled "An act to provide for the organization of Crook and Pease Counties, and to provide for holding court therein," approved by the governor of said Territory on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1877; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Edmunds, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Wallace,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 106) to authorize a long bond for the investment of savings; and,

On motion by Mr. Whyte,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That at 1 o'clock p. m. to-morrow the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business.

On motion by Mr. Conover, at 4 o'clock and 22 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1878.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In answer to the resolution of the Senate dated December 7, 1877, I transmit herewith reports from the General of the Army, the Quartermaster-General, the Commissary-General of Subsistence, and the Chief of Ordnance, showing what has been the cost (estimated) of the late war with the Sioux Indians, and what the casualties of rank and file among the soldiers engaged in said Sioux war.

R. B. HAYES.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
February 20, 1878.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In response to the resolution of the Senate of January 30, 1878, I transmit herewith a report, dated the 16th instant, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

R. B. HAYES.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
February 20, 1878.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Harris presented a memorial of the Merchants' Exchange of Nashville, Tennessee, praying the remonetization of silver and the restoration of its legal-tender character.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Christiancy presented the petition of Mary B. Marsh, widow of Wells R. Marsh, deceased, late surgeon of the Second Iowa Volunteers, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Conover presented the petition of John Wallace, of Tallahassee, Florida, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Johnston presented a petition of the Jeffersonville and Louisville Ferry Company, praying payment of a balance claimed to be due said company for transportation of troops, ammunition, &c., during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Ferry presented a petition of citizens of Detroit, Michigan, praying the passage of a law for the protection and preservation of the food-fishes of the great lakes and rivers, and the straits connecting the same; and an appropriation sufficient to maintain fish commissioners; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Harris presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of Memphis, Tennessee, praying the free coinage of silver and restoring its legal-tender character.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Beck presented a petition of citizens of Kentucky, praying the remonetization of silver, the repeal of the so-called resumption act and the national-bank act, and to make legal tender notes receivable for all debts, public and private; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Harris presen ted additional papers in relation to the claim of Miriam L. Gager, for compensation for property alleged to have been taken and used by United States military authorities during the late civil war; which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Beck presented additional papers in relation to the claim of William Cash, of Princeton, Kentucky, for compensation for property taken and used by United States military authorities at Memphis, Tennessee, during the late civil war; which, with the petition and papers on the files of the Senate, were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Memorials, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign imports and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee, were presented, as follows:

By Mr. Whyte: A memorial of citizens of Maryland.

By Mr. Mitchell: A memorial of citizens of Oregon.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Windom presented a memorial of the board of commissioners to look after the improvement of the Ohio River and its tributaries, praying an appropriation for the completion of the dam at Davis Island, near Pittsburgh; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Howe presented the petition of M. Fentenheime, praying compensation for property alleged to have been taken and appropriated by United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Plumb presented the petition of James P. Worrell, late captain of Company B, Eighty-sixth Illinois Volunteers, praying the correction of the date of his discharge, and to be allowed pay, &c., from June 6, 1865, to July 22, 1865, together with traveling-expenses to his home in Illinois; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. McDonald presented papers in relation to the application of William Braden, of Indianapolis, Indiana, for compensation for stationery furnished the United States marshal's office in that city; which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Armstrong,

Ordered, That the petition of Edward P. Vollum, assistant surgeon United States Army, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That J. L. Calhoun have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 559) for the relief of James C. Rudd, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Hamlin, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 927) for the relief of James W. Glover, postmaster at Oxford, in the State of New York, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 105) thereon.

Mr. Gordon, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2887) to authorize the granting of an American register to a foreign-built ship for the purposes of the Woodruff scientific expedition around the world, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1487) making appropriations for the payment of claims reported to Congress under section 2 of the act approved June 16, 1874, by the Secretary of the Treasury, reported it with amendments.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 784) for the relief of James P. Worrell; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 785) to provide for building posts for the protection of the citizens of the Black Hills region; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Johnston: A bill (S. 786) for the relief of the Jeffersonville and Louisville Ferry Company; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Matthews: A bill (S. 787) to authorize the payment of a balance due the Pacific Mail Steamship Company; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Howe: A bill (S. 788) granting a pension to Anson K. Young; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Howe: A bill (S. 789) for the relief of Michael Fentenheime, citizen of France; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. McDonald: A bill (S. 790) for the relief of William Braden, surviving partner of Sheets & Braden; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Armstrong: A bill (S. 791) for the relief of Edward P. Volum; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Patterson: A bill (S. 792) authorizing the establishment of a naval station and depot, and for other purposes, at Port Royal Harbor, South Carolina; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Gordon submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to examine and consider the merits of the "Merrimon life-preserver," and report if it will contribute to the efficiency of the life-saving service.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Whyte,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 18) for the relief of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal Company; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Chaffee,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 789) to appropriate money for the purchase of a law-library for the Territory of Dakota; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Chaffee,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1201) making an appropriation for the purchase of a law-library for the use of the courts and the United States officers in the Territory of Wyoming; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 36 / Nays 7

On motion by Mr. Merrimon,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Beck, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Howe, Ingalls, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Plumb, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Christiancy, Eaton, Hamlin, Merrimon, Saulsbury, Withers.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1104) for the relief of John Pulford; and,

Pending debate,

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, pursuant to its order of yesterday, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Butler, at 5 o'clock and 25 minutes, p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1878.

The Vice-President stated that after the session of to-day he would not occupy the chair for several days.

Mr. McPherson presented a resolution of the legislature of New Jersey, remonstrating against the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver, and against any measure looking to the payment of the bonded debt of the United States in any other than gold coin.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Johnston presented a resolution of the legislature of Virginia, in favor of the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. McPherson presented a resolution of the legislature of New Jersey, in favor of such legislation as will develop and restore confidence to American commerce and shipping; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Plumb presented a petition of citizens of Kansas, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the Osage River in Missouri and Kansas; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Eaton presented a memorial of citizens of New Haven, Connecticut, praying the appropriation of the unexpended balance of the Chinese indemnity fund to relieve the sufferers by the famine now prevailing in China; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Dorsey presented the petition of Frederick W. Schuarte, late of Company G, Second United States Infantry, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvel Creek; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of James Gordon Bennett, praying the passage of a law transferring the Arctic ship Pandora to the United States flag, and for authority to prosecute further the exploration of the Polar regions; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Withers presented a resolution of the legislature of Virginia, in favor of the passage of the bill for the remonetization of silver.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dorsey presented a petition of colored soldiers of the late war, praying the repeal of the law affecting the manner in which pensions are paid them, and that they be paid the same as white soldiers are; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, presented a memorial of county commissioners of Saint John's County, Florida, praying the donation of a certain lot of ground in the city of Saint Augustine, for the purpose of erecting thereon county buildings; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors were presented, as follows:

By Mr. Withers: A petition of citizens of Virgina.

By Mr. Hamlin: A petition of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Ashand, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Eaton: A petition of the Maple Street Congregational church of Danvers, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Sargent: A petition of the First Congregational Church of North Brookfield, Massachusetts, and a petition of the Congregational Church of Conway, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Bayard: A petition of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Frostburg, Maryland.

By Mr. Conkling: A petition of citizens of Poughkeepsie, New York.

By Mr. Davis, of West Virginia: Six petitions of religious institutions of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Wadleigh: A petition of the Congregational Church of Peru, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Kernan: A petition of the New York State Temperance Alliance and a petition of the Presbyterian Church of Rome, New York.

By Mr. Wallace: A petition of citizens of Philadelphia.

By Mr. Ferry: Six petitions of religious institutions of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Morrill: Three petitions of religious institutions of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A petition of the First Baptist Church of Menomonee, Wisconsin.

By Mr. Rollins: A petition of the Bethesda Congregational Church of Reading, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Hoar: Six petitions of religious institutions of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Dawes: A petition of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Gardner, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Anthony: A petition of the First Baptist Church of Holliston, Massachusetts.

By the Vice-President: Two petitions of citizens of New York.

By Mr. McMillan: A petition of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Clearfield, Minnesota.

By Mr. Matthews: A petition of citizens of Ohio.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Sargent presented a petition of citizens of California, praying a revision of the tariff duties on wrought-iron, lap-welded tubes and flues; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Windom presented a memorial of the legislature of Minnesota, in favor of an amendment to the timber-culture act, reducing the number of acres to be planted with trees from forty to ten acres, provided the trees be planted not more than four feet apart instead of at twelve feet; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Conkling presented seven petitions of citizens of New York, praying an amendment to the pension laws, extending the limitation of time for obtaining arrears of pensions to July 4, 1880; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a petition of citizens of San Francisco, praying a revision of the tariff laws in relation to the duties on wrought-iron, lap-welded tubes and flues; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ferry presented a petition of citizens of Michigan, praying the passage of a law for the protection and preservation of the food-fishes in the great lakes, rivers, and straits connecting the same; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Voorhees presented a memorial of the executive committee of the People's Progressive Party of New York, praying the adoption of certain financial and labor reforms; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against any change in the rates of duty on foreign imports and against the restoration of duties on tea and coffee, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Anthony: A memorial of citizens of Rhode Island, and a memorial of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Harris: A memorial of citizens of Tennessee.

By Mr. Armstrong: A memorial of citizens of Missouri.

By Mr. Matthews: A memorial of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Eaton: A memorial of citizens of Connecticut.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Harris presented two memorials of citizens of Tennessee, remonstrating against any action concerning a revision of tariff duties until after it shall have been ascertained by official inquiry that such action

would best promote general prosperity; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the repeal of the import duties on the necessaries of life, such as tea, sugar, and molasses, and to supply the loss of such revenue by imposing a tax on the incomes of citizens of the United States which exceed $1,000; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Windom presented petitions of citizens of Minnesota and Dakota Territory, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Red River of the North; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Matthews presented a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying the repeal of the act donating certain lands in that State, intended by Congress for the improvement of the Des Moines River, and for the protection of the rights of actual settlers residing thereon; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Voorhees presented the petition of H. A. White, praying the abolition of the tariff duty on imported type; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Eaton presented a petition of citizens of New Haven, Connecticut, praying an investigation into the manner of the passage of the act of 1873 demonetizing the silver dollar.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Wadleigh presented a petition of Walton and Ferry, publishers of the Hillsborough, New Hampshire, Messenger, praying the abolition of the tariff duties on type; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Eaton presented papers in relation to the claim of G. T. Marshall, superintendent of lights at New London, Connecticut, for commissions and storage on account of disbursements made by him for light-house purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of West Virginia,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of D. D. Smith, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of West Virginia,

Ordered, That the papers in relation to the claim of the Presbyterian Church of Luney's Creek, West Virginia, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Booth, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 195) to declare certain lands subject to taxation, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 106) thereon.

Mr. Merrimon, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 469) for the relief of the North American Neuchatel Rock Paving Company, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, reported the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the Army Register for 1878 be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Merrimon,

Ordered, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution, referred to said

Committee December 14, 1877, to inquire and report whether the action of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia in respect to the location of the police court has been and is in conformity with law.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Ordered, That the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 635) for continuing the work of improving the Capitol grounds, and that it be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 1093) to authorize the free coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal tender character; and

It has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 405. An act providing the same exemptions upon process from the courts of the United States as is provided in the several States upon process from the State courts.

H. R. 596. An act to amend section five hundred and forty, chapter one, title thirteen, Revised Statutes of the United States.

H. R. 1077. An act to relieve certain legal disabilities of women.

H R. 1630. An act to amend section nineteen hundred and twenty-two of the Revised Statutes, of provisions concerning particular organized Territories.

H. R. 2860. An act changing the times of holding terms of the district court for the district of West Virginia.

H. R. 3389. An act to provide for appearances of the United States in foreclosure suits.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed three enrolled bills (H. R. 789, H. R. 1201, H. R. 1093), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 789. An act to appropriate money for the purchase of a law-library for the Territory of Dakota.

H. R. 1201. An act making an appropriation for the purchase of a law-library for the use of the courts and the United States officers in the Territory of Wyoming.

H. R. 1093. An act to authorize the coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character.

The Vice-President signed the three enrolled bills (H. R. 789, H. R. 1201, H. R. 1093) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the United States.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Wadleigh: A bill (S. 793) for the relief of Edwin R. Clarke; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Bayard: A bill (S. 794) for the relief of E. Troisquos; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Bayard: A bill (S. 795) for the relief of George W. Maher; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Bayard: A bill (S. 796) for the relief of John Henderson; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Bayard: A bill (S. 797) for the relief of Acting Master Robert Platt, United States Navy; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Wallace: A bill (S. 798) to provide for carrying the ocean-mails in American steam-ships; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Windom: A bill (S. 799) for the relief of Willis N. Arnold; and

A bill (S. 800) for the relief of the heirs of Maj. D. C. Smith; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 801) to amend section 2403 of the Revised Statutes in relation to deposits for savings; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 802) establishing post-roads in the several States and Territories; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 803) granting a pension to Frederick W. Schuarte; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Butler: A bill (S. 804) for the relief of Captain Frank Armin; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 805) supplemental to the several acts relative to the Union Pacific Railroad and its branches; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Eaton: A bill (S. 806) for the relief of George T. Marshall; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 807) for the establishment of a certain post-route in the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Plumb submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Whereas it appears from the report of the government directors of the Union Pacific Railroad Company for the year 1877, communicated to the Senate on the 25th day of October, 1877, by the Secretary of the Interior, that the Colorado Central Railroad has been aided to the extent of $1,610,497.86; credit secured by Union Pacific Railroad Company, $767,156.20; balance, without interest, $843,341.66, and that other investments have been made by the Union Pacific Railroad Company in several other railroads, the items and amounts of which are not stated in said report; and

Whereas such information is necessary in order tounderst and what has been the management and what is the present financial condition of said company: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to inquire of the government directors what securities the Union Pacific Railroad Company has taken or holds, whether stock, bonds, or other evidence of debt, for its aid to the Colorado Central, the Utah Central, the Utah Southern, the Utah Northern, and the Republican Valley Railroads; what credits were received by the Union Pacific Railroad Company for the amount of $767,156.20, with whom the transaction in respect of said credits was had, what security the said company holds them for, and for what reason and upon what consideration the said credit was given, and report the answers of the government directors to the Senate without delay.

Mr. Blaine submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be respectfully requested to communicate to the Senate at the earliest practicable day, if not in his judgment incompatible with the public interest, copies of all correspondence between our government and the government of her Britannic Majesty in regard to the selection of Mr. Maurice Delfosse,

envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary from Belgium, as the third commissioner under the twenty-third article of the treaty of Washington on the question of the fisheries.

Mr. Merrimon submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be instructed to inquire into the suggested necessity for an appropriation of money to construct additional school-buildings in the District of Columbia, and report by bill or otherwise.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations have leave to print certain arguments before that committee on the Chinese question.

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 14th instant, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to ascertain whether certain railroad companies have issued bonds of any kind predicated upon the conditional land-grants of the lands of the Indians of the Indian Territory; and

The resolution having been amended on the motion of Mr. Voorhees, the motion of Mr. Dorsey, and the motion of Mr. Chaffee, was agreed to as amended, as follows:

Resolved by the Senate, That the Committee on Territories be, and the same is hereby, instructed to ascertain, at its earliest convenience, whether or not the railroad companies referred to by the acts of the Thirty-ninth Congress, approved respectively July 25, 26, and 27, 1866, and entitled respectively "An act granting lands to the State of Kansas to aid in the construction of the Kansas and Neosho Valley Railroad and its extension to Red River"; "An act granting lands to the State of Kansas to aid in the construction of a Southern Branch of the Union Pacific Railway and telegraph from Fort Riley, Kansas, to Fort Smith, Arkansas"; and "An act granting land to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the States of Missouri and Arkansas to the Pacific coast," have issued bonds of any kind, predicated upon the conditional land-grants of the lands of the Indians of the Indian Territory claimed by said companies under said acts. If it be ascertained that such bonds have been issued, then it shall be the duty of said committee to ascertain in whose possession the bonds are, and for what purpose.

Resolved further, That said committee be instructed to ascertain what amount of money has been expended by the several Indian tribes of the Indian Territory in support of delegates to Washington, during the past five years, and in opposing the organization of a civil government over said Territory; and whether any of such money has been taken from the school-funds of any of such tribes, and if so, what legislation is necessary to prevent in future the diversion of such school-funds from their legitimate purpose.

Resolved further, That said committee be instructed to ascertain whether a civil form of government cannot be organized over the Indian Territory, for the better protection of life and property; and whether the lands now held in common by said Indian tribes cannot be divided in severalty among the Indians without confirming the conditional grants of land to certain railroad corporations.

Resolved further, That said committee, in the discharge of its duties aforesaid, be authorized to send for persons and papers, to employ a stenographer, and, when necessary, to compel the attendance of witnesses in its investigation, and to report the result of said investigation to this body during the present session of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Hereford,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 235) for the relief of Joseph Kinney, administrator of David Ballantine, of Missouri; and,

On motion by Mr. Hereford,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the Senate, under its order of the 20th instant, proceeded to the consideration of the calendar; and

The following bills and joint resolution were considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

H. R. 694. An act for the relief of William H. Needham, late second lieutenant of Company D, Twenty-second Regiment Iowa Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 1142. An act for the relief of Charles W. Wood, late of Company E, First Battalion, Thirteenth Regiment of United States Infantry.

H. R. 62. Joint resolution appropriating $200 to defray expenses of transferring the remains of Pancoast Loose, a deceased soldier.

Ordered, That that they pass to a third reading.

The said bills and resolution were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 37) to authorize the Secretary of War to issue certain arms to the Washington Light Infantry of Charleston, South Carolina; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Sargent, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the resolution read a third time.

The said resolution as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 662) to amend section 1270 of the Revised Statutes, relating to fuel, forage, and quarters of officers of the Army; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Maxey, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 1104) for the relief of John Pulford; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Military Affairs having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 611) to extend the charter of the Franklin Insurance Company of the City of Washington; and having been further amended on motion of Mr. Dorsey, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 573. A bill for the relief of the officers and privates of the Fourth Arkansas Cavalry Volunteers.

S. 685. A bill for the relief of N. Boyden.

S. 703. A bill granting a pension to Malvina A. Maltby.

S. 724. A bill granting a pension to Nancy E. McClelland.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bills were reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in:

S. 595. A bill to further define and enlarge the powers and duties of the Board of Health of the District of Columbia.

S. 328. A bill granting a pension to Mrs. Esther A. George.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 725) to amend the One hundred and fourth Article of War; and,

After debate,

Mr. Edmunds objected to the further consideration of the bill at this time, and asked that it be passed over.

When

Mr. Blaine raised a question of order, that by the resolution under which the Senate was proceeding, after a bill had been taken up for consideration and after debate upon the same, a single objection did not require it to be passed over.

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Hoar in the chair) submitted the question to the Senate,

Does an objection interposed after debate, by a single Senator, require the pending measure to be passed over under the order now in force? and

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 27 / Nays..... 26

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bailey, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Cameron of Wisconsin, Conkling, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Eaton, Edmunds, Hereford, Hoar, Kirkwood, McCreery, McMillan, Matthews, Merrimon, Morrill, Sargent, Teller, Thurman, Wadleigh, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Butler, Chaffee, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of West Virginia, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Hamlin, Harris, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kernan, McPherson, Maxey, Morgan, Plumb, Rollins, Saunders, Voorhees, Wallace.

So it was determined that, under the order in force, a single objection would require the bill to be passed over.

Mr. Edmunds having withdrawn his objection to the consideration of the bill, and no amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Anthony, at 3 o'clock and 57 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1878.

The Vice-President being absent, the Secretary called the Senate to order.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in the absence of the Vice-President, the Honorable Thomas W. Ferry be, and he is hereby, chosen President of the Senate *pro tempore*.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution; and,

On motion by Mr. Bayard to amend the same by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and in lieu thereof inserting, *That the Senate do now proceed to choose by ballot a President pro tempore*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 28 / Nays 28

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Butler, Cockrell, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Eaton, Eustis, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, McPherson, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Voorhees, Whyte, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Christiancy, Conover, Dorsey, Edmunds, Hoar, Ingalls, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Patterson, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Wallace to amend the resolution by striking out

the name "Thomas W. Ferry," and in lieu thereof inserting, *Allen G. Thurman*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 28 / Nays..... 29

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Butler, Cockrell, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Eaton, Eustis, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, McPherson, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Voorhees, Whyte, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Christiancy, Conkling, Conover, Dorsey, Edmunds, Hoar, Ingalls, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Patterson, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On the question to agree to the resolution,

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Ferry thereupon took the chair.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary wait on the President of the United States and inform him that, in the absence of the Vice-President, the Senate has chosen the Honorable Thomas W. Ferry, a Senator from the State of Michigan, President of the Senate *pro tempore*, and that he make a similar communication to the House of Representatives.

The bills yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 405, H. R. 596, H. R. 1077, H. R. 2860, and H. R. 3389 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and that the bill H. R. 1630 be referred to the Committee on Territories.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of February 13, 1878, a statement of the number of persons on the pension-rolls in certain Southern States, and also the number of payments made to such persons from September 4, 1877, to January 31, 1878.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Blaine presented a memorial of citizens of the United States, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the United States Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Blaine presented a petition of citizens of Augusta, Maine, praying the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Whyte presented the petition of Caspar Wolf, praying payment of arrears of pay alleged to be due him as captain in the Fifteenth Regiment of New York Volunteer Artillery; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Kernan presented a memorial of the mayor and aldermen of New York City, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the navi-

gation of the Harlem River and Spuyten Duyvel Creek; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Blaine presented three memorials of citizens of Maine, remonstrating against any action concerning a revision of tariff duties until after it shall have been ascertained by official inquiry that such action would best promote general prosperity; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign imports and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Blaine: Five memorials of citizens of Maine.

By Mr. Dennis: A memorial of citizens of Maryland.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President *pro tempore* presented a memorial of W. E. Sawyer, in relation to the introduction of a new system of lighting the Capitol building and grounds, and submitting proposals therefor; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Kernan presented a memorial of George A. Osgood and Cyrus Curtiss, receivers of the Columbian Insurance Company of New York, praying payment of certain claims assigned to said company out of the Geneva awards, or that they be authorized to prosecute the same before the Court of Claims; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Morrill: A petition of the First Congregational Church of Stoughton, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Whyte: A petition of citizens of Maryland.

By Mr. Kernan: A petition of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Matthews: A petition of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A petition of citizens of Illinois.

By Mr. Edmunds: Two petitions of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Conkling: A petition of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Howe: A petition of citizens of Wisconsin.

By Mr. Ingalls: A petition of citizens of Kansas.

By Mr. Hoar: A petition of the Universalist Church of Newton, Massachusetts.

By Mr. McPherson: A petition of the Presbyterian Church of Mount Clair, New Jersey.

By Mr. Dawes: A petition of the First Congregational Church of Greenfield, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A petition of citizens of Wisconsin.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. McPherson presented a memorial of citizens of New Jersey, remonstrating against the passage of a law transferring the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. McCreery presented a resolution of the legislature of Kentucky, in favor of the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Kernan presented eight petitions of citizens of New York, praying an amendment to the pension laws extending the limitation of time for obtaining arrears of pension to July 4, 1880; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Christiancy presented the petition of Catherine L. Malony, widow and administratrix of William P. Malony, deceased, praying compen-

sation for certain property sold to the quartermaster of the United States Army at New Orleans, during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Beck presented a resolution of the legislature of Kentucky, in favor of an appropriation for the improvement of the navigable streams of that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Beck presented a resolution of the legislature of Kentucky, in favor of the repeal or modification of the present laws imposing a tax on tobacco; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Burnside presented papers in relation to the claim of Amos Payne, for compensation for property alleged to have been seized and appropriated by United States military forces during the late civil war; which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 1891) for the relief of the Eagle and Phœnix Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Georgia; and

It has agreed to the resolution of the Senate, of November 20, 1877, to print the narrative of the North Polar Expedition by the United States ship Polaris.

The House of Representatives has passed the following resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That there be printed ten thousand copies of Professor Hayden's Annual Report of the Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories for 1877, five thousand of which shall be for the use of the House of Representatives, two thousand copies for the use of the Senate, two thousand copies for the use of the Department of the Interior, and one thousand copies for the use of the office of the survey.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (H. R. 1891), I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 1891) for the relief of the Eagle and Phœnix Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Georgia.

The President *pro tempore* signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 1891) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 420) for the relief of Major P. P. G. Hall, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 107) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 287) granting a pension to John C. Hughes, late private in Company H, Marine Regiment United States Volunteers, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 108) thereon.

Mr. Garland, from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the bill (S. 207) explanatory of section 1889 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and to ratify and confirm certain Territorial legislation, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 613) to repeal section two of an act entitled "An act for the relief of General Samuel W. Crawford, and to fix the rank and pay of retired officers of the Army," approved March 3, 1875, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bills (S. 207, S. 613) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Garland, from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the bill (S. 330) explanatory of section 1889 of the Revised Statutes of the United States and to ratify and confirm certain Territorial legislation, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 808) for the relief of the legal representatives of William O. Redden; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Kellogg: A bill (S. 809) for the relief of Wright R. Fish; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Howe: A bill (S. 810) to provide for short-hand reporters in the circuit and district courts of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Dawes: A bill (S. 811) for the relief of Henry L. James; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Eaton: A bill (S. 812) granting a pension to Mrs. Ann Cornelia Lanman; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Jones, of Florida: A bill (S. 813) for the relief of the administratrix of Joseph Wheaton, deceased; to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims.

By Mr. Whyte: A bill (S. 814) to refer the record of a naval court of inquiry to the Court of Claims for use in the case of the schooner Flight against the United States in regard to a collision between the schooner and the steamer Tallapoosa, now pending in that court; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Bailey: A bill (S. 815) for the relief of the estate of E. H. Childress, deceased, late of Nashville, Tennessee, through Thomas Chadwell, administrator; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A bill (S. 816) to alter and appoint the times for holding the circuit court of the United States for the fourth judicial circuit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 817) to aid in the protection of the public records and property against loss and damage by fire; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 818) for the relief of Amos Payne; to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Cockrell submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Agriculture be directed to furnish to the Senate such information and facts as may be in his possession relative to the disease of hogs, commonly called "hog-cholera," and to diseases of farm-animals generally, with such suggestions as he may deem pertinent.

Mr. Bruce submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Library:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Library be authorized and are hereby directed to procure a fac-simile copy of the document entitled "The administrators of the United States Government at the beginning of its second century," framed with ebony, protected by a French plate-glass, and supported with a sliding ebony rack, to be deposited in

the Vice-President's room, the cost not to exceed three hundred dollars, the same to be paid for out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

The hour of one o'clock having arrived, the Senate, in pursuance of its order of the 20th instant, resumed the consideration of the calendar; and

The bill (S. 401) for the relief of Charles H. Mosely was considered as in Committee of the Whole; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Military Affairs having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate:

S. 755. A bill granting a pension to Martha C. Kendall.

S. 771. A bill for the relief Ebenezer Walker.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. 14) for the purchase of copies of the "General Register of the Navy and Marine Corps of the United States;" and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That the bill be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 97) authorizing the Secretary of War to grant permission to the proprietors of salmon-fisheries now located on Three-Tree Point military reservation, on the Columbia River, in Washington Territory, to remain on said reservation; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Military Affairs having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate:

H. R. 927. An act for the relief of James W. Glover, postmaster at Oxford, in the State of New York.

H. R. 1928. An act to change the name of the steam-tug C. M. Whittaker to Caroline.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Wallace,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the

bill (S. 106) to authorize a long bond for the investment of savings; and,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and

On motion by Mr. Allison, at 5 o'clock and 25 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1878.

The resolution to print Professor Hayden's Annual Report of the Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories for 1877, yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting, in compliance with a resolution of the Senate of January 31, 1878, a report of Major G. K. Warren, Corps of Engineers, on the improvement of Providence River and Narragansett Bay, Rhode Island; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

Memorials, remonstrating against the proposed reduction of the tariff-duties on imports, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Matthews: A memorial of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Christiancy: A memorial of citizens of Michigan.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hoar presented a memorial of citizens of Massachusetts, remonstrating against a transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Christiancy presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan, remonstrating against any reduction of the rates of duty on foreign wools; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hereford presented the petition of William P. Smith, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Bruce: A petition of the First Congregational Church of Douglass, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Dawes: A petition of the Congregational Church of Lakeville, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Morrill: A petition of the Congregational Church of Miller's Falls, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Whyte: A petition of the Centre-street Methodist Church of Cumberland, Maryland.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A petition of citizens of Wisconsin.

By Mr. Kernan: A petition of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Christiancy: A petition of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Hoar: A petition of the Congregational Church of Billerica, Massachusetts.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Randolph presented a resolution of the legislature of New Jersey, remonstrating against the passage of the bill for the remonetization of

silver and against any measure looking to a payment of the bonded debt of the United States in any other than gold coin.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Matthews presented a petition of citizens of Cincinnati, Ohio, praying the repeal of the charter of the National Capital Insurance Company of Washington, District of Columbia; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Dennis presented a memorial of ship owners, masters, and pilots engaged in the navigation of the Chesapeake Bay, praying the erection of a screw-pile light-house and fog-bell on the Nine-foot Lump on Poplar Island, and on the end of the shoal at Sandy Point, both in the State of Maryland; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Merrimon presented a memorial of the New River Canal Company, and a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of Charleston, South Carolina, praying an appropriation to aid in the construction of an inland canal and water route between Pamlico Sound, North Carolina, and Charleston, South Carolina; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Carl Jussen, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dawes, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to which was referred the bill (S. 635) for continuing the work of improving the Capitol grounds, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Rosa Vertner Jeffreys, of Lexington, Kentucky, praying an allowance for rent, repairs, and damage done to her house and furniture occupied by United States troops during the late rebellion, submitted a report (No. 109) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 819) for the relief of Rosa Vertner Jeffreys; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 742) in relation to the Japanese indemnity fund, and that it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Merrimon obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 820) to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase from the New River Canal Company, for military purposes, the free use of an inland canal and water route, between Pamlico Sound, North Carolina, and Charleston, South Carolina, paying for the same by installments, as the work is completed between certain navigable bodies of water; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Allison: A bill (S. 821) to provide for the entry of lands by Indians under the homestead laws; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Cameron of Wisconsin: A bill (S. 822) for the relief of Lewis Johnson and Company; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Hill: A bill (S. 823) for the relief of the assignee in bankruptcy of Robert Erwin and of Erwin and Hardee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Maxey: A bill (S. 824) establishing the rank of the senior Inspector-General; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Grover: A bill (S. 825) for the relief of William L. White; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Cockrell: A bill (S. 826) for the relief of Henry Dye; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 827) to provide for the sale of certain portions of the Fort Leavenworth military reservation; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A bill (S. 828) to amend section 856 of the Revised Statutes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 107) to enable Indians to become citizens of the United States; and,

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 1254. An act for the relief of John A. Darling.

H. R. 2287. An act to authorize the Secretary of War to prescribe rules and regulations to be observed in the preparation, submission, and opening of bids for contracts under the War Department.

H. R. 3551. An act to amend section 4778 of the Revised Statutes.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed four enrolled bills (H. R. 694, H. R. 927, H. R. 1142, and H. R. 1928) and an enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 62), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolution:

H. R. 694. An act for the relief of William H. Needham, late second lieutenant of Company D, Twenty-second Regiment Iowa Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 927. An act for the relief of James W. Glover, postmaster at Oxford, in the State of New York.

H. R. 1142. An act for the relief of Charles W. Wood, late of Company E, First Battalion, Thirteenth Regiment of United States Infantry.

H. R. 1928. An act to change the name of the steam-tug C. M. Whittaker to Caroline.

H. R. 62. Joint resolution appropriating $200 to defray expenses of transferring the remains of Pancoast Loose, a deceased soldier.

The President *pro tempore* signed the four enrolled bills (H. R. 694, H. R. 927, H. R. 1142, and H. R. 1928), and the enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 62), last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and

signed, on the 19th instant, the act (S. 702) for providing portraits to accompany the memorial addresses on the late Senators Morton and Bogy.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The bills (H. R. 1254 and H. R. 2287) this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (S. 106) to authorize a long bond for the investment of savings; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and

The reported amendment having been amended on the motion of Mr. Wallace,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the bill of the Senate (S. 541) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the preparation and publication of a new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States," approved March 2, 1877.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bill and joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 2108. An act for the relief of William A. Hammond, late Surgeon-General of the Army.

H. R. 78. Joint resolution granting the use of artillery, tents, &c., at the national soldiers' and sailors' reunion to be held at Marietta, Ohio.

H. R. 82. Joint resolution providing for issuing arms and ammunition to the Territory of Idaho, under the act approved July 3, 1876.

The bill (H. R. 3551) to amend section 4778 of the Revised Statutes, this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Ingalls, was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 48 / Nays 8

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Coke, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Edmunds, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Kellogg, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Morrill, Paddock, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Blaine, Chaffee, Conkling, Dorsey, Eaton, Mitchell, Spencer, Teller.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3072) to authorize a special term of the circuit court of the United States for the southern district of Mississippi, to be held at Scranton, in Jackson County; and,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds, at 4 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1878.

The bill (H. R. 2108) and the joint resolutions (H. R. 78 and H. R. 82) yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith for the information of the Senate the reply of the Commissioner of Agriculture to a resolution of the Senate of the 20th instant, "relative to the disease prevailing among swine," &c.

R. B. HAYES.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
February 27, 1878.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Plumb presented a memorial of citizens of Topeka, Kansas, praying such legislation as will compel the Union Pacific Railroad Company to comply with its contracts and afford equal advantages and facilities as to rates, time, and transportation, without any discrimination between the main line and its branch roads; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dennis presented a petition of citizens of Maryland, praying the erection of a life-saving station at Ocean City, Maryland; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Teller presented two petitions of citizens of Colorado, praying the passage of a law dividing that State into judicial districts and providing the times and places for holding terms of the United States courts therein; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Dennis: A petition of citizens of Maryland.

By Mr. Howe: A petition of citizens of Wisconsin.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Memorials, remonstrating against the transfer of the life-saving service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department, were presented as follows:

By Mr. McPherson: Two memorials of citizens of New Jersey.

By Mr. Randolph: A memorial of citizens of New Jersey.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Randolph presented a memorial of the North Jersey Iron Company, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on imported pig-iron; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented the petition of Stephen Darbonnier, of Berkshire, New York, praying the resumption of specie payments as now provided by law, for the remonetization of silver, for a revision of the national banking law, &c.; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented a petition of citizens of Troy, New York, praying a reduction in the rates of duty on imported linen to a single and uniform rate of duty; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of Troy, New York, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on imports and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of the United States, praying certain amendments to the act of April 17, 1874, to authorize the employment of certain aliens as engineers and pilots; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dorsey presented the petition of Margaret A. Spencer, praying compensation for losses sustained during the Creek Indian war of 1812 and 1813; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Allison presented a resolution of the legislature of Iowa, remonstrating against the passage of the bill for the limitation of the transportation of live-stock, unless shipped in patent cars; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Edmunds presented a memorial of R. Steinbach and others, praying compensation for lands taken from them for the public use by United States military authorities in the State of California in 1865; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

Mr. Conkling presented the petition of Lydia Dorr, praying to be restored to the pension-roll; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Whyte,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Francis O. Wyse, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Bailey,

Ordered, That Mrs. A. J. Tynes have leave to withdraw her petition and papers from the files of the Senate, on leaving copies of the same with the Secretary.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The President of the United States has informed the House of Representatives that he approved and signed, on the 11th instant, an act (H. R. 1454) to change the name of the consulate at Omoa and Truxillo; and

He approved and signed, on the 18th instant, the following act and joint resolutions:

H. R. 119. An act to remove the charges against Lieutenant Charles Wilkinson, late of Company K, One hundred and second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, on file in the War Department.

H. R. 54. Joint resolution authorizing the printing and distribution of the memorial addresses on the life and character of the late Edward Young Parsons, a Representative from the State of Kentucky.

H. R. 90. Joint resolution declaring that a reduction of the tax on distilled spirits is inexpedient; and

He approved and signed, on the 25th instant, the following acts:

H. R. 789. An act to appropriate money for the purchase of a law-library for the Territory of Dakota.

H. R. 1201. An act making an appropriation for the purchase of a law-library for the use of the courts and the United States officers in the Territory of Wyoming; and

He this day approved and signed an act (H. R. 1891) for the relief of the Eagle and Phœnix Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Georgia.

Mr. Chaffee, from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the bill (S. 144) to establish the Territory of Lincoln, and to provide a temporary government therefor, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 110) thereon.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 511) authorizing the Arkansas River Transfer Railway Company to construct a bridge across the Arkansas River, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1074) to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Glasgow, Missouri, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Edmunds, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill, (H. R. 2860) changing the times of holding the terms of the district court for the district of West Virginia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Whyte, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 814) to refer the record of the proceedings of the naval court of inquiry as evidence in the case of the collision of the schooner Flight with the United States steamer Tallapoosa before the Court of Claims, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Butler,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 451) for the relief of James C. McBurney, trustee, &c., and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Butler,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 1892) for the relief of Mrs. Amanda Rains, of Illinois, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 769) for the relief of the sufferers by the loss of the dredge-boat McAllister, and that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Hill: A bill (S. 829) for the relief of the legal representatives of J. G. Gilmer and others; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Whyte: A bill (S. 830) for the relief of Francis O. Wyse; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 831) for the establishment of a certain post-route in the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Windom: A bill (S. 832) for the relief of William S. Grant; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Teller: A bill (S. 833) for the relief of James E. Macklin; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 834) for the relief of Mrs. Margaret A. Spencer; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Paddock: A bill (S. 835) to provide for the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River, at Decatur, Nebraska; to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Whyte submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, directed to transmit to the Senate copies of any letters, documents, or statements in writing relating to the conduct of the navigating officer of the United States steamer Huron at the time of its loss, other than those contained in the record of the court of inquiry, in relation to the wreck of that steamer, heretofore transmitted to the Senate.

Mr. Cockrell submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That there be printed, for the use of the Senate, five thousand additional copies of the message of the President relative to the disease among swine.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of West Virginia,

Ordered, That the reports of the Secretary of War, communicated to the Senate on the 4th and the 8th instant, on the subject of the militia force of the United States, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Plumb on the 25th instant, calling for information as to the nature of the securities taken or held by the Union Pacific Railroad Company for aid granted to the Colorado Central, the Utah Central, and other railroads; and

The resolution was agreed to.

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 3072) to authorize a special term of the circuit court of the United States for the southern district of Mississippi to be held at Scranton, in Jackson County; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Hamlin that the bill lie on the table,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 44 / Nays 19

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Beck, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Coke, Conkling, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Dennis, Dorsey, Eaton, Ferry, Garland, Grover, Hamlin, Harris, Hereford, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kirkwood, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins,

Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace, Whyte, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Barnum, Bruce, Butler, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Edmunds, Eustis, Gordon, Hill, Kellogg, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, McPherson, Morgan, Morrill, Randolph, Sargent.

So the motion was agreed to.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The President of the United States having returned to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, the bill entitled "An act to authorize the coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character," with his objections thereto, the House of Representatives proceeded in pursuance of the Constitution to reconsider the same; and

Resolved, That the said bill pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives agreeing to pass the same.

On motion by Mr. Allison,

The Senate proceeded to reconsider the bill entitled "An act to authorize the coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character," returned by the President of the United States to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, with his objections, and passed by the House of Representatives on a reconsideration of the same; and,

The message of the President of the United States returning the said bill to the House of Representatives having been read, as follows:

To the House of Representatives:

After a very careful consideration of the House bill No. 1093, entitled "An act to authorize the coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character," I feel compelled to return it to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, with my objections to its passage.

Holding the opinion which I expressed in my annual message, that "neither the interests of the government nor of the people of the United States would be promoted by disparaging silver as one of the two precious metals which furnish the coinage of the world"; and that "legislation which looks to maintaining the volume of intrinsic money to as full a measure of both metals as their relative commercial values will permit, would be neither unjust nor inexpedient," it has been my earnest desire to concur with Congress in the adoption of such measures to increase the silver coinage of the country as would not impair the obligation of contracts either public or private, nor injuriously affect the public credit. It is only upon the conviction that this bill does not meet these essential requirements that I feel it my duty to withhold from it my approval.

My present official duty as to this bill permits only an attention to the specific objections to its passage, which seem to me so important as to justify me in asking, from the wisdom and duty of Congress, that further consideration of the bill for which the Constitution has, in such cases, provided.

The bill provides for the coinage of silver dollars of the weight of 412½ grains each, of standard silver, to be a legal tender at their nominal value for all debts and dues, public and private, except where otherwise expressly stipulated in the contract. It is well known that the market value of that number of grains of standard silver during the

past year has been from ninety to ninety-two cents as compared with the standard gold dollar. Thus the silver dollar authorized by this bill is worth 8 to 10 per cent. less than it purports to be worth, and is made a legal tender for debts contracted when the law did not recognize such coins as lawful money.

The right to pay duties in silver, or in certificates for silver deposits, will, when they are issued in sufficient amount to circulate, put an end to the receipt of revenue in gold, and thus compel the payment of silver for both the principal and interest of the public debt. One billion one hundred and forty-three million four hundred and ninety-three thousand four hundred dollars of the bonded debt, now outstanding, was issued prior to February, 1873, when the silver dollar was unknown in circulation in this country, and was only a convenient form of silver bullion for exportation; $583,440,350 of the funded debt has been issued since February, 1873, when gold alone was the coin for which the bonds were sold, and gold alone was the coin in which both parties to the contract understood that the bonds would be paid. These bonds entered into the markets of the world. They were paid for in gold when silver had greatly depreciated, and when no one would have bought them if it had been understood that they would be paid in silver. The sum of $225,000,000 of these bonds has been sold during my administration for gold coin, and the United States received the benefit of these sales by a reduction of the rate of interest to 4 per cent. During the progress of these sales a doubt was suggested as to the coin in which payment of these bonds would be made. The public announcement was thereupon authorized that it was "not to be anticipated that any future legislation of Congress, or any action of any department of the government, would sanction or tolerate the redemption of the principal of these bonds, or the payment of the interest thereon, in coin of less value than the coin authorized by law at the time of the issue of the bonds, being the coin exacted by the government in exchange for the same." In view of these facts, it will be justly regarded as a grave breach of the public faith to undertake to pay these bonds, principal or interest, in silver coin worth in the market less than the coin received for them.

It is said that the silver dollar made a legal tender by this bill, will, under its operation, be equivalent in value to the gold dollar. Many supporters of the bill believe this, and would not justify an attempt to pay debts, either public or private, in coin of inferior value to the money of the world. The capital defect of the bill is that it contains no provision protecting from its operation pre-existing debts in case the coinage which it creates shall continue to be of less value than that which was the sole legal tender when they were contracted. If it is now proposed, for the purpose of taking advantage of the depreciation of silver in the payment of debts, to coin and make a legal tender a silver dollar of less commercial value than any dollar whether of gold or paper which is now lawful money in this country, such measure, it will hardly be questioned, will, in the judgment of mankind, be an act of bad faith. As to all debts heretofore contracted, the silver dollar should be made a legal tender only at its market value. The standard of value should not be changed without the consent of both parties to the contract. National promises should be kept with unflinching fidelity. There is no power to compel a nation to pay its just debts. Its credit depends on its honor. The nation owes what it has led or allowed its creditors to expect. I cannot approve a bill which, in my judgment, authorizes the violation of sacred obligations. The obligation of the public faith transcends all questions of profit or public advantage. Its unquestion-

able maintenance is the dictate as well of the highest expediency, as of the most necessary duty, and should ever be carefully guarded by the Executive, by Congress, and by the people.

It is my firm conviction that if the country is to be benefited by a silver coinage, it can be done only by the issue of silver dollars of full value, which will defraud no man. A currency worth less than it purports to be worth will in the end defraud not only creditors, but all who are engaged in legitimate business, and none more surely than those who are dependent on their daily labor for their daily bread.

R. B. HAYES.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
February 28, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* stated the question before the Senate to be, Shall the bill pass, on reconsideration?

And

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 46 / Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bailey, Beck, Bruce, Chaffee, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Butler, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Hamlin, Hoar, Kernan, Lamar, McPherson, Mitchell, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh, Whyte.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass, two-thirds of the Senators present agreeing to pass the same.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Lamar,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (H. R. 3072) to authorize a special term of the circuit court of the United States for the southern district of Mississippi to be held at Scranton, in Jackson County; and,

The question being, Shall the bill be read a third time?

On motion by Mr. McDonald that the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 19 / Nays 31

On motion by Mr. Chaffee,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Booth, Cameron of Wisconsin, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Dorsey, Edmunds, Garland, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Kirkwood, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Rollins, Spencer, Voorhees.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Bruce, Butler, Chaffee, Coke, Eaton, Eustis, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, McPherson, Maxey, Morgan, Plumb, Sargent, Saulsbury, Teller, Wallace, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

On the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 30 / Nays 15

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Barnum, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Butler, Chaffee, Coke, Conover, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Lamar, McPherson, Maxey, Morgan, Paddock, Plumb, Sargent, Saulsbury, Teller, Voorhees, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Beck, Cameron of Wisconsin, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Hoar, Howe, Kernan, Kirkwood, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Rollins, Saunders, Spencer.

Thereupon,

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 106) to authorize a long bond for the investment of savings; and

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, at 5 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 1878.

The Vice-President resumed the chair.

Mr. Thurman presented a memorial of Thomas Nixon, of Dayton, Ohio, remonstrating against the passage of the bill authorizing the extension of letters patent to the heirs of Benjamin F. Rice for improvement in machinery for making paper bags; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Paddock presented a memorial of citizens of Nebraska, remonstrating against any change in the pension-laws for the examination of pensioners from the present mode of local examining-surgeon to the appointment of a district board; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Paddock presented a petition of citizens of Nebraska, praying an amendment to the timber-culture act, reducing the number of acres to be planted from forty to ten acres, and trees to be located six feet apart instead of twelve feet, as now required; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Paddock presented a petition of the employés of the railway mail-service, praying the restoration of their former salaries; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any change in our navigation-laws that would interfere with the protection they afford to American ship-building, and to prevent the substitution of foreign ships for our trade and commerce; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Chaffee presented a petition of the heirs of Anthony Schworer, deceased, late of Company G, Twelfth Ohio Volunteers, praying pay-

ment of their claim for pension while minor children of said decedent; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of Elijah Blythe, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Grover presented a petition of citizens of Oregon, praying to be allowed a grant of land to aid in the construction of the Mount Jefferson wagon-road, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Teller presented three petitions of citizens of Colorado, praying the division of that State into two judicial districts, and the terms of the United States courts in one of said districts to be held at Del Norte, and to be designated as the second district of Colorado; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Burnside presented a petition of citizens of Troy, New York, praying a reduction in the rates of duty on imported linen to a single and uniform rate; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wadleigh presented the petition of Joseph L. Stevens, postmaster at Manchester, New Hampshire, praying to be relieved of the liability for the amount of certain postage-stamps alleged to have been stolen from him while acting as such postmaster; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to inquire into the traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: A petition of the National Christian Temperance Union of Bordentown, New Jersey.

By Mr. Morrill: A petition of the First Congregational Church of Medfield, Massachusetts, and a petition of the Vermont State Temperance Society.

By Mr. Hoar: A petition of the First Congregational Church of Hyde Park, Massachusetts.

By Mr. McPherson: A petition of the First Presbyterian Church of Washington, New Jersey.

By Mr. Matthews: A petition of the Temperance Union of Yellow Springs, Ohio.

By Mr. Dawes: A petition of the Evangelical Church of Brockton, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Hamlin: A petition of the Congregational Church of Merrimac, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Thurman: Two petitions of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. McDonald: A petition of citizens of Indiana.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Saulsbury presented a letter from surfmen of life-saving stations numbers 1 and 2, coast of Delaware, addressed to him, remonstrating against the transfer of the life-saving service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of Mary McAdams, praying to have her name restored to the pension-rolls; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented the petition of Eliza H. Frailey, praying to be allowed an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Plumb presented a petition of citizens of Kansas, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Osage River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Hoar presented three petitions of citizens of Massachusetts, pray-

ing an amendment to the pension laws, extending the time of limitation for obtaining pensions to July 4, 1880; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Burnside presented a memorial of citizens of the United States, remonstrating against the passage of a law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Burnside presented a memorial of citizens of Rhode Island, remonstrating against any action concerning a revision of tariff duties until after it shall have been ascertained by official inquiry that such action would best promote general prosperity; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dawes presented a petition of masters, mates, pilots, and engineers, praying an amendment to the act authorizing the employment of certain aliens as engineers and pilots, so as to require applicants for renewal of license to show that they are permanent residents of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a resolution of the National Greenback State Convention of Michigan, in favor of the remonetization of silver and the restoration of its legal-tender character.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Christiancy presented a petition of citizens of Michigan, praying the passage of a law for the preservation and protection of the food-fishes in the great lakes and rivers, and straits connecting the same; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. McMillan presented a resolution of the legislature of Minnesota, in favor of an extension of the land-grant of the Saint Paul and Pacific Railroad Company; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Windom presented a resolution of the legislature of Minnesota, in favor of an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi River.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Memorials, remonstrating against the passage of a law authorizing the transfer of the life-saving service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Bayard: A memorial of life-saving stations 1 and 2, coast of Delaware.

By Mr. Christiancy: Two memorials of citizens of Michigan.

My Mr. Ferry: Seven memorials of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: Two memorials of citizens of Wisconsin.

By Mr. Dawes: A memorial of citizens of Massachusetts.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Memorials, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign imports and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: Six memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A memorial of citizens of Illinois.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, presented a petition of citizens of Florida, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of Holmes Creek, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Allison presented a memorial of the legislature of Iowa, remonstrating against the passage of a law to compel the Union Pacific Railroad Company to prorate with the Kansas Pacific Railroad Company

upon transportation between certain points; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. McPherson presented additional papers in relation to the claim of Joseph E. Moore, for expenses incurred in building the light-house on Penfield Reef, Long Island Sound; which, with the papers on the files of the Senate, were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of citizens of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, praying an appropriation for the extension and repair of the pier at the outer harbor of Ashtabula, Ohio; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion by Mr. Paddock,

Ordered, That the papers in the case of Henry Wiseman, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Paddock,

Ordered, That the petition of citizens of Nebraska, for the establishment of a mint at Omaha, Nebraska, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Thurman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 111) thereon.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 305) granting a pension to Mrs. Rebecca C. Maxwell, widow of the late Colonel O. C. Maxwell, One hundred and ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1411) to prevent the sale of policy or lottery tickets in the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Merrimon, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1412) to prevent depredations upon property in the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1432) providing for the recording of deeds, mortgages, and other conveyances affecting real estate in the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1947) granting a pension to Dwight A. Barrett, late private Company E, Forty-sixth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Wadleigh, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (S. 187) authorizing the Commissioner of Patents to rehear the application of Stephen V. Benét for patent for cartridges, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 114) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 226) to repeal an act entitled "An act to incorporate the National Capitol Insurance Company," and to provide for winding up the affairs of said corporation, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (S. 501) for the relief of John C. Birdsell, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 112) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 502) repealing the charter of the National Capitol Insurance Company, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 663) granting a pension to William H. H. Buck, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 659) for the relief of Josiah H. Pillsbury, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 113) thereon.

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

Ordered, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Daniel J. Poor and Susan T. Poor, of the petition of H. R. Knotwell, of the petition of George F. Peck, of the memorial of the National Capitol Insurance Company, and of the petition of W. H. Mussey and others.

Leave having been obtained, bills and a joint resolution were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cockrell: A bill (S. 836) to authorize the deposit of silver bullion or bars and the issue of certificates therefor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Butler: A bill (S. 837) for the relief of the officers and privates of the New Mexico Mounted Volunteers; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Sargent: A bill (S. 838) for the relief of settlers on certain lands in the State of California; to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A bill (S. 839) relating to captured and abandoned property; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A bill (S. 840) to provide for the distribution of public documents to public libraries; to the Committee on Printing.

By Mr. Paddock: A bill (S. 841) for the relief of certain postmasters and late postmasters in the State of Nebraska; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Ferry: A bill (S. 842) to repeal certain provisions of the act of Congress approved July 12, 1876, entitled "An act making appropriations for the Post-Office Department;" to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Ferry: A bill (S. 843) to grant increase of pensions in certain cases; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Bruce: A bill (S. 844) authorizing the payment of bounties to the heirs of soldiers who were enlisted as slaves; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Chaffee: A bill (S. 845) to establish certain post-roads in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Eaton: A bill (S. 846) to authorize the payment to claimants of interest received by the United States on the woolen goods duty fund; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Whyte: A bill (S. 847) for the relief of the heirs of George W. Sands; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Grover: A bill (S. 848) providing for the construction of the

Mount Jefferson military wagon-road in Oregon; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Eustis: A bill (S. 849) granting a pension to James C. Downer; to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sargent obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 20) relative to Chinese immigration; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Matthews submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to report to the Senate what proceedings have been taken by the Department of the Interior for the suppression of timber depredations in the Territory of Montana.

Mr. Teller submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to transmit to the Senate an estimate of the amount of money necessary to be appropriated to enable the government to coin both gold and silver at the United States mint in the city of Denver, in the State of Colorado, as well as the time that will be required to put said mint in condition to coin gold and silver.

Mr. Cockrell submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the claim of Samuel C. Ludington, with the papers accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee on Claims, with all additional evidence which may be submitted.

Mr. Wadleigh submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the arguments before the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the United States Senate in behalf of a sixteenth amendment, be given to Sara Andrew Spencer, chairman of the resident Congressional committee of the National Woman Suffrage Association.

Mr. Wadleigh submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate:

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to pay to Thaddeus A. Jones, engineer in charge of the elevator, out of the contingent fund of the Senate, $100 as compensation for injuries received while engaged in repairs coming within his line of duty on February 10, 1877.

Mr. Wadleigh submitted the following resolution; which was considred, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to the Senate whether the War Department is in possession of the data from which the positions of troops were added to the engineer maps of the Gettysburg battle-field, recently published under the direction of the Chief of Engineers; and whether, without compilation, its present condition is such as will insure its preservation to the history of that battle. That his opinion be also asked whether a text description, with diagrams showing the changing positions of troops, is considered necessary by the military arm of the government to insure a proper understanding of these maps, and for the study of the tactical moves of that battle, and what legislation, if any, is necessary to produce it.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed, without

amendment, the bill of the Senate (S. 145) for the relief of Edwin A. Clifford; and

It has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 3551) to amend section four thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight of the Revised Statutes.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills and joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 82. An act for the relief of Alexander Anderson, late first lieutenant Fourteenth New York Volunteer Cavalry.

H. R. 150. An act for the relief of William McIndoe, postmaster at Lonaconing, in Alleghany County, Maryland.

H. R. 234. An act for the relief of John F. Andrews, postmaster at Washington, Georgia.

H. R. 343. An act for the relief of Bidow and Wilson, of Danville, Kentucky.

H. R. 356. An act directing method of annual estimates of expenditures to be submitted from Navy Department.

H. R. 383. An act for the relief of J. D. Bond and Brother, of Wilson County, Tennessee.

H. R. 409. An act for the relief of James Clift, late captain Fifth Tennessee Cavalry.

H. R. 430. An act for the relief of John Clinton, postmaster at Brownsville, Tennessee.

H. R. 436. An act granting a pension to Adam Stinson.

H. R. 621. An act for the relief of Richard Hawley and Sons.

H. R. 622. An act for the relief of workmen employed in the construction of Poverty Island light-house, Lake Michigan.

H. R. 627. An act to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Alfred Rouland.

H. R. 762. An act granting a pension to John S. Hall, of West Virginia.

H. R. 989. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Eliza A. Semple.

H. R. 1224. An act for the relief of Will R. Hervey.

H. R. 1256. An act granting a pension to Rebecca B. Remick.

H. R. 1308. An act for the relief of Daniel Small, a soldier of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve.

H. R. 1315. An act for the relief of C. H. Walker, postmaster at Frostburg, in Alleghany County, Maryland.

H. R. 1385. An act for the relief of the minor heirs of John H. Evans, deceased.

H. R. 1451. An act granting a pension to George W. Wickwire.

H. R. 1780. An act granting a pension to William S. Davis, late private in Company E, Thirty-first Illinois Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 2096. An act for the relief of James Fishback, late collector of internal revenue, tenth district, State of Illinois.

H. R. 2159. An act granting a pension to Emily E. Wheelock.

H. R. 2291. An act for the relief of Thomas W. Collier.

H. R. 2502. An act directing the payment of the claim of August Pensler, Third Ohio Independent Cavalry.

H. R. 2515. An act granting a pension John Sheiber, late private in the Twelfth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry.

H. R. 2516. An act granting a pension to Frances E. Records, widow of Albert B. Records, late a private in Company G, Fifteenth Regiment Maine Volunteers.

H. R. 2584. An act granting a pension to Margaret R. Colony, widow of the late Major Josiah B. Colony, First Maryland Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 2881. An act for the relief of Christian B. Morrison and Charles H. Truax, administrators of the estate of Christian B. Morrison, deceased.

H. R. 2883. An act for the relief of Murphy and Good, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

H. R. 2884. An act for the relief of Samuel H. Canfield, postmaster at Seymour, Connecticut.

H. R. 2885. An act for the relief of Mary C. Webber.

H. R. 3071. An act for the relief of Samuel R. Atwell, late postmaster at Winchester, Virginia.

H. R. 3104. An act granting a pension to Kate Louise Roy, widow of J. P. Roy, late lieutenant-colonel United States Army.

H. R. 3296. An act for the relief of Captain William L. Foulk.

H. R. 4. Joint resolution to allow Lieutenant D. F. Tozier a gold medal awarded by the President of the French Republic.

H. R. 77. Joint resolution authorizing First Lieutenant Henry Metcalfe, of the Ordnance Department, United States Army, to accept a decoration from the Sultan of Turkey.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills (H. R. 3072 and H. R. 3551), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 3072. An act to authorize a special term of the circuit court of the United States for the southern district of Mississippi to be held at Scranton, in Jackson County.

H. R. 3551. An act to amend section four thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight of the Revised Statutes.

The Vice-President signed the two enrolled bills (H. R. 3072 and H. R. 3551) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bills and joint resolutions this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 82, H. R. 409, H. R. 627, H. R. 1385, H. R. 2502, and H. R. 3296, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that the bills H. R. 150, H. R. 234, H. R. 430, H. R. 1315, H. R. 2291, H. R. 2884, and H. R. 3071, be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads; that the bills H. R. 343, H. R. 383, H. R. 621, H. R. 622, H. R. 1224, H. R. 2096, H. R. 2881, H. R. 2883, and H. R. 2885 be referred to the Committee on Claims; that the bill H. R. 356 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations; that the bills H. R. 436, H. R. 762, H. R. 989, H. R. 1256, H. R. 1308, H. R. 1451, H. R. 1780, H. R. 2159, H. R. 2515, H. R. 2516, H. R. 2584, and H. R. 3104, be referred to the Committee on Pensions, and that the joint resolutions H. R. 4 and H. R. 77 be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 632) for the relief of William H. Cornell; and

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Whyte,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 814) to refer the record of the proceedings of the naval court of inquiry as evidence in the case of the collision of the schooner Flight

with the United States steamer Tallapoosa before the Court of Claims; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Conkling, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Hereford,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 2860) changing the times for holding terms of the district court of West Virginia; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 58) to prevent abuses in respect of the mileage of district attorneys of the United States; and the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. McMillan,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1487) making appropriations for the payment of claims, reported to Congress under section 2 of the act approved June 16, 1876, by the Secretary of the Treasury; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Claims having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1074) to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Glasgow, Missouri; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 511) authorizing the Arkansas River Transfer Railway Company to construct a bridge across the Arkansas River; and the amend-

ment reported by the Committee on Commerce having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 106) to authorize a long bond for the investment of savings; and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent, at 3 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1878.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a memorial of the legislature of Wisconsin, in favor of an extension of time for the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a memorial of the legislature of Wisconsin, in favor of an appropriation for the completion of the breakwater at the entrance to the harbor of refuge in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a memorial of the legislature of Wisconsin, in favor of the establishment of a mail-route from White Hall to Eau Claire, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. McMillan presented a resolution of the legislature of Minnesota, in favor of an appropriation to test the practicability and value of an invention for the enlarging of channels of rivers and freeing the same of obstructions; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Ferry presented a resolution of the National Greenback Club of Michigan, in favor of the repeal of the law providing for the resumption of specie payments; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Gordon presented the petition of Thomas G. W. Crusselle, of Atlanta, Georgia, praying compensation for property alleged to have been seized and appropriated by United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of Commander William Gibson, United States Navy, retired-list, praying to be reinstated to the active-list of the Navy; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of the United States, remonstrating against the passage of a law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, presented a petition of citizens of Apalachicola, Florida, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the Apalachicola River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. McDonald presented a petition of the Salem Temperance Union of Lotus, Indiana, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Thurman presented a memorial of citizens of Ohio, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on imported wools and woolen goods; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the passage of a law for the equalization of bounties; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the legislature of California, in favor of such a modification of existing treaties between the United States and China as will prohibit the further immigration of Chinese into this country; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Kirkwood presented a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying the passage of a law restoring certain lands in that State, heretofore granted to the Mississippi and Missouri Railroad Company, to homestead entry and settlement; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Memorials, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Anthony: A memorial of citizens of Rhode Island.

By Mr. Conkling: A memorial of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Christiancy: A memorial of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Withers: A memorial of citizens of Virginia.

By Mr. Blaine: A memorial of citizens of Maine.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented resolutions of the State Agricultural and Horticultural Societies of Wisconsin, on the subject of forestry and tree-planting; which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented a memorial of a committee appointed by the American Nurserymen's Association, praying an appropriation for the purpose of sending a commission to the European countries to observe and report upon the subject of forestry in all its bearings; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Booth presented a petition of citizens of California, praying the appointment of a commission to determine the titles to certain private land-claims in the Territory of Arizona, pursuant to the stipulations of the Gadsden and Guadaloupe Hidalgo treaties; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

Mr. Booth presented papers in relation to the application of José Apis and Pablo Apis, for the adjudication of titles to lands claimed by them, in California; which were referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

Mr. Beck presented the petition of William M. Ammerman, of Kentucky, praying compensation for property alleged to have been seized and appropriated by United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Beck presented the petition of John T. McClure, of Kentucky, praying compensation for property alleged to have been seized and appropriated by United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Beck presented the petition of Francis P. Clay, of Kentucky, praying compensation for property alleged to have been seized and appropriated by United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Johnston presented a resolution of the Medical Society of Vir-

ginia, in favor of an appropriation for the publication of the catalogue of the National Medical Library; which was referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3296) for the relief of Captain William L. Foulk, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 117) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 82) providing for issuing arms and ammunition to the Territory of Idaho under the act approved July 3, 1876, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said joint resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 352) to authorize the restoration of George A. Armes to the Army, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 121) thereon.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 356) for the relief of Captain William L. Foulk, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 386) to extend the time for presenting claims for collecting, drilling, or organizing volunteers for the war of the rebellion, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 120) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 352, S. 356, S. 386), and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Merrimon, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2843) to provide for taking testimony for the courts of the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 532) to incorporate the Suburban Railway Company of Washington, in the District of Columbia, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1254) for the relief of John A. Darling, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 119) thereon.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2108) for the relief of William A. Hammond, late

Surgeon-General of the Army, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 118) thereon.

Mr. Wadleigh, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (S. 300) to amend the statutes in relation to patents, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 116) thereon.

On motion by Mr. Plumb,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 762) for the relief of C. T. Eubanks, successor of the firm of Eubanks and Anthony, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Plumb,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 761) for the relief of T. R. Eubanks, administrator of the estate of Barnett Lane, deceased, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Plumb,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Wolff and Brown, praying compensation for horses pressed into service for the use of the militia in Colorado Territory in 1865, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Augustus Sprague, praying for relief, submitted an adverse report (No. 115) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of George A. Armes, submitted a report (No. 121) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 850) to authorize the restoration of George A. Armes to the rank of captain; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Thurman: A bill (S. 851) to prohibit members of Congress from becoming sureties on certain bonds; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Allison: A bill (S. 852) granting a pension to Mary E. Pauley; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Coke: A bill (S. 853) to aid in the construction of a military, commercial, and postal railway from the military headquarters of the United States Army at San Antonio, in the State of Texas, to the Rio Grande, at or near Laredo; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Booth: A bill (S. 854) for the adjudication of title to lands claimed by José Apis and Pablo Apis, in the State of California; to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

On motion by Mr. Jones, of Florida,

Ordered, That the letter of the Secretary of War, communicating, in answer to the resolution of the Senate of October 18, 1877, information in relation to the removal of sunken wrecks in Pensacola Harbor, Florida, be printed.

On motion by Mr. McMillan,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 528) to authorize the Worthington and Sioux Falls Railroad Company to extend its road into the Territory of Dakota to the village of Sioux Falls; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Rail-

roads having been agreed to, and a further amendment having been proposed by Mr. Cockrell,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the resolutions of the Senate to print the eulogies delivered in the two houses of Congress upon the late Oliver P. Morton, Senator from the State of Indiana, and the late Lewis V. Bogy, Senator from the State of Missouri; and

It has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the following bills and joint resolution of the House:

H. R. 1104. An act for the relief of John Pulford.

H. R. 1487. An act making appropriations for the payment of claims reported to Congress under section two of the act approved June 16, 1874, by the Secretary of the Treasury.

H. R. 37. Joint resolution to authorize the Secretary of War to issue certain arms to the Washington Light Infantry of Charleston, South Carolina.

The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the bill of the Senate (S. 17) amending the laws granting pensions to the soldiers and sailors of the war of 1812 and their widows, and for other purposes.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills (S. 145 and S. 541), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Paddock reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 145. An act for the relief of Edwin A. Clifford.

S. 541. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the preparation and publication of a new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States," approved March 2, 1877.

On motion by Mr. Beck,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by him January 21, 1878, declaring it inexpedient to maintain or impose taxes at this time for the purpose of providing further for the sinking-fund; and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

Ordered, That the resolution be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 106) to authorize a long bond for the investment of savings; and,

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Hamlin, at 3 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1878.

The Vice-President signed the two enrolled bills (S. 145 and S. 541) yesterday reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of February 28, 1878, a copy of a communication from Surgeon-General James C. Palmer, United States Navy, in relation to the conduct of the navigating officer of the United States Steamer Huron, at the time of its loss; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. McCreery presented a resolution of the legislature of Kentucky, in favor of the passage of a law to aid in the construction of the Texas and Pacific Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Thurman presented a memorial of citizens of Chicago, Illinois, commission dealers and shippers of live-stock, remonstrating against the passage of the bill limiting the transportation of live-stock to a given number of hours; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Harris presented a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of Memphis, Tennessee, in favor of the passage of a law granting a subsidy to the projected line of steamers between New Orleans and Rio Janeiro, and that said line be compensated for carrying the mails the same as railroad lines are for transporting the inland mails; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented a memorial of the legislature of Wisconsin, in favor of an extension of time for the completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a resolution of the select and common councils of Philadelphia, in favor of an appropriation for the improvement of the Delaware River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a resolution of the select and common councils of Philadelphia, in favor of an appropriation for the improvement of the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Morgan presented a memorial of citizens of the United States, remonstrating against an extension of time for the completion of the Southern Pacific Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Davis, of West Virginia: A petition of the Phillips Church of Watertown, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Spencer: A petition of the Congregational Church of Winchester, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Teller: A petition of the First Congregational Church of Falmouth, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Rollins: A petition of the First Baptist Church of Winchester, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Hoar: A petition of the First Parish Church of Ashby, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Ferry: A petition of the Congregational Church of Quincy, Massachusetts.

By Mr. McPherson: A petition of the Farmer's Lodge of Good Templars of Five Points, New Jersey.

By Mr. Anthony: A petition of the Congregational Church of South Danvers, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: A petition of the First Presbyterian Church of Washington, New Jersey.

By Mr. Eaton: A petition of the Baptist Church of Danielsonville, Connecticut.

By Mr. Thurman: A petition of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Conkling: A petition of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Sargent: A petition of the South Park Church of Newark, New Jersey.

By Mr. Hamlin: A petition of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Franklin, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Matthews: A petition of citizens of Ohio.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Thurman presented a memorial of citizens of the United States, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Thurman presented a petition of mates, masters, pilots and engineers, praying an amendment to the act authorizing the employment of certain aliens as engineers and pilots, so that licenses shall be granted to such persons only as shall reside permanently in the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Thurman presented a petition of masters, mates, pilots, and engineers, of Cleveland, Ohio, praying an amendment to the law regulating the fees to be paid for issuing certificates or licenses to engineers and pilots, so as to reduce the fee therefor to one dollar; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Memorials, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Randolph: A memorial of citizens of New Jersey.

By Mr. Conkling: Three memorials of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Hoar: Two memorials of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. McPherson: Two memorials of citizens of New Jersey.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Ingalls presented a memorial of E. Stillings, praying compensation for services rendered as special commissioner in certain causes originally pending in the United States district court for the district of Kansas; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Matthews presented a petition of masters, mates, pilots, and engineers praying an amendment to the act authorizing the employment of aliens as engineers and pilots, so that licenses shall be granted to such persons only as shall reside permanently in the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Matthews presented a petition of masters, mates, pilots, and engineers of Cleveland, Ohio, praying an amendment to the law regulating the fees for issuing certificates or licenses to engineers and pilots, so as to fix the rate thereon at one dollar; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Randolph presented a memorial of S. V. White and others, of New York, holders of certificates of award, issued pursuant to the treaty of April 25, 1866, between the United States and the republic of Venezuela, praying payment of their claims in accordance with the provisions of said treaty and the act of Congress of February 25, 1873; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Chaffee, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 20) authorizing the citizens of Colorado, Nevada, and the Territories to fell and remove timber on the public domain for min-

ing and domestic purposes, reported it with an amendment and submitted a report (No. 122) thereon.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 109) defining the manner in which certain land-scrip may be assigned and located, or applied by actual settlers, and providing for the issue of patents in the name of the locator or his legal representatives, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Paddock, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 396) to amend section 2464 of the Revised Statutes, relating to cultivation of timber on the public domain, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Allison, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 706) authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to make certain negotiations with the Ute Indians in the State of Colorado, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 766) to legalize certain patents issued to members of the Pottawatomie tribe of Indians, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 123) thereon.

Mr. Allison, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1679) for the relief of Catherine and Sophia Germain, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution of the House of Representatives of February 27, 1878, to print ten thousand copies of Professor Hayden's Annual Report of the Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories for 1877, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by him February 15, 1878, to print additional copies of the Report of the Smithsonian Institution for the year 1877, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Harris,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 52) for the relief of C. H. Frederick, late a lieutenant-colonel in the Ninth Missouri Infantry.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Warren Mitchell, praying for relief, submitted an adverse report (No. 124) thereon.

Mr. Harris asked and obtained the consent of the Senate to submit the views of the minority of the Committee on Claims on the foregoing memorial; which were ordered to be printed, to accompany the report of the committee (No. 124).

Mr. Harris obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 855) for the relief of Warren Mitchell; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Wallace: A bill (S. 856) for the relief of John Wightman; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 857) for the relief of E. Stillings; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Morgan: A bill (S. 858) to amend the laws in relation to evidence in the Court of Claims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. McCreery,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Phœbe Wilson, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Morgan submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That one thousand extra copies of the report accompanying Senate bill No. 300, to amend the statutes in relation to patents, and for other purposes, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Thurman submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That five hundred copies of Senate report No. 111, with the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary to the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862; and also to alter and amend the act of Congress, approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act, be printed in document form for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Paddock, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands, in considering the memorial of William McGarrahan, have power to send for persons and papers, to take testimony, and to employ a stenographer; and that the expenses attending the same be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate, upon vouchers approved by the committee.

On motion by Mr. McMillan,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 528) to authorize the Worthington and Sioux Falls Railroad Company to extend its road into the Territory of Dakota, to the village of Sioux Falls; and the amendment proposed by Mr. Cockrell having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Windom, the motion of Mr. Hoar, the motion of Mr. Cockrell, the motion of Mr. Thurman, and the motion of Mr. Ingalls, was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Johnston, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the vote agreeing to the adverse report on the petition of Edwin De Leon be reconsidered; and,

On motion by Mr. Johnston,

Ordered, That the petition be recommitted to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (S. 106) to authorize a long bond for the investment of savings; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and

The amendment reported by the Committee on Finance, as amended, having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate; and

The amendment made in Committee of the Whole, having been amended on the motion of Mr. Bayard, the motion of Mr. Hoar, the motion of Mr. Cockrell, the motion of Mr. Blaine, and the motion of Mr. Plumb, was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. 20) relative to Chinese immigration; and,

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Windom, at 5 o'clock and 25 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1878.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a resolution of the legislature of Pennsylvania, in favor of the passage of a law granting pensions to soldiers of the Mexican war; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of Mary E. Parker, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Kernan presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the passage of a law for the equalization of bounties; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Memorials, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: A memorial of citizens of the United States.

By Mr. Whyte: A memorial of citizens of the United States.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Burnside presented a petition of the Baptist Church of Orange and a petition of the First Evangelical Church of Clinton, Massachusetts, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Memorials, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department, were presented as follows:

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By Mr. Kernan: Two memorials of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: A memorial of citizens of Erie, Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

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Mr. Paddock presented a telegraphic communication from H. R. Lin-

derman, in relation to a branch mint at Omaha, Nebraska; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

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On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Alexander Davis, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

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Ordered, That the petition and papers of C. P. Redmond, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

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Ordered, That the petition and papers of James Casey, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

Ordered, That the petition of Alexander Montgomery, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Thurman on the 6th instant, to print extra copies of report No. 111, accompanying Senate bill No. 15, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Morgan on the 6th instant, to print extra copies of the report accompanying Senate bill No. 300, reported it without amendment.

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Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

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By Mr. Maxey: A bill (S. 868) to provide for a code of Army regulations; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That five thousand copies of the report of the Commissioner of Education for 1876 be printed for distribution by the Commissioner of Education; and

It has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 923. An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act to carry into effect the convention between the United States and China, concluded on the eighth day of November, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, at Shanghai," approved March 3, 1859, and give the Court of Claims jurisdiction in certain cases.

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The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (S. 17), I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (S. 17) amending the laws granting pensions to the soldiers and sailors of the war of 1812 and their widows, and for other purposes.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled bill (S. 17) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1474) further to suspend the operations of section 5574 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, title 72, in relation to guano islands; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

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Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1947) granting a pension to Dwight A. Barrett, late private

Company E, Forty-sixth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The resolution to print five thousand copies of the report of the Commissioner of Education for 1876, this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The bills last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 923 be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; that the bill H. R. 2686 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations; and that the bill H. R. 3712 be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 2108) for the relief of William A. Hammond, late Surgeon-General of the Army; and,

Pending debate,

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the joint resolution (S. 20) relative to Chinese immigration; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said resolution; and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Sargent to refer the same to the Committee on Foreign Relations,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed to to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 3721) to remove the political disabilities of Robert H. Chilton, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed five enrolled bills (H. R. 1074, H. R. 1104, H. R. 1487, H. R. 2860, and H. R. 3296) and two enrolled joint resolutions (H. R. 37 and H. R. 82), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolutions:

H. R. 1074. An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Glasgow, Missouri.

H. R. 1104. An act for the relief of John Pulford.

H. R. 1487. An act making appropriations for the payment of claims reported to Congress, under section two of the act approved June 16, 1874, by the Secretary of the Treasury.

H. R. 2860. An act changing the times of holding terms of the district court for the district of West Virginia.

H. R. 3296. An act for the relief of Captain William L. Foulk.

H. R. 37. Joint resolution to authorize the Secretary of War to issue

certain arms to the Washington Light Infantry of Charleston, South Carolina.

H. R. 82. Joint resolution providing for issuing arms and ammunition to the Territory of Idaho, under the act approved July 3, 1876.

The Vice-President signed the five enrolled bills (H. R. 1074, H. R. 1104, H. R. 1487, H. R. 2860 and H. R. 3296) and the two enrolled joint resolutions (H. R. 37 and H. R. 82) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill (H. R. 3721) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 346) referring the claim of Benjamin Holladay to the Court of Claims; and, an amendment having been proposed by Mr. Christiancy,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Burnside, at 5 o'clock and 3 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1878.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of February 28, 1878, information in relation to the securities taken by the Union Pacific Railroad Company for aid afforded to the Colorado Central and other railroads.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of February 18, 1878, a report of Major C. R. Suter, Corps of Engineers, on the condition of the work for removing a bar in the Arkansas River, near Fort Smith; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of March 4, 1878, information in relation to the amount of money necessary to enable the government to coin gold and silver at the United States mint in Denver, Colorado; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a resolution of the Board of Trade of Chicago, in favor of an appropriation for the completion of the breakwater at the entrance to the harbor of refuge in Sturgeon Bay; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Bailey presented the petition of Portman Swafford, praying to be allowed arrears of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of a committee of the type-founders of the United States, remonstrating against any change in the present rate of duty on imported type; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented two petitions of citizens of New York, praying the passage of a law for the equalization of bounties; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Conkling presented a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of New York, in favor of an appropriation to enable the Light-House Board to place the automatic signal-buoy in the various principal harbors of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dorsey presented a certified copy of an act of the legislative assembly of New Mexico, entitled "An act to incorporate the Society of the Jesuit Fathers of New Mexico"; which was referred to the Committee on Territories and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eaton presented a memorial of citizens of New Haven, Connecticut, remonstrating against the passage of a law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Gordon presented a memorial of a convention held at Jacksonville, Florida, praying the establishment of an effective system of quarantine on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eustis presented a memorial of the legislature of Louisiana, in favor of such legislation as will enable the Barataria Ship-Canal Company to construct a ship-canal from the Mississippi River opposite New Orleans to Fort Livingston, on the Gulf of Mexico; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Eustis presented a resolution of the legislature of Louisiana, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on imported rice; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the petition of Edward Perry, praying to be allowed an increase and arrears of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Hamlin presented a memorial of the Universal Peace Union, remonstrating against the transfer of the Indian Bureau from the Interior Department to the War Department; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Sargent presented a memorial of citizens of California, vintners and dealers in native wines, remonstrating against any change in the rates of duty on imported wines; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sargent presented a petition of citizens of California, praying the abrogation or modification of the tax on brandy; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Dawes: A petition of the Congregational Church of Bernardston, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A petition of the Baptist Church of Clinton, Wisconsin.

By Mr. Anthony: A petition of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Saxonville, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Morrill: A petition of the First Unitarian Church of East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and a petition of citizens of Massachusetts.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Matthews presented four memorials of citizens of Ohio, remonstrating against the passage of a law imposing a tax on incomes; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions, praying an amendment to the pension laws, extending the time of limitation for obtaining pensions to July 4, 1880, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Kernan: A petition of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Dawes: A petition of citizens of Massachusetts.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dorsey presented a memorial of the mayor and city council of Fort Smith, Arkansas, praying an additional appropriation for the removal of obstructions to navigation in the Arkansas River, opposite that city; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. McMillan presented a memorial of the legislature of Minnesota, in favor of the passage of a law authorizing the lands of the Fort Ripley reservation to be entered under the pre-emption and homestead laws; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Garland presented a memorial of citizens of Hot Springs, Arkansas, sufferers by the late fire at that place, praying to have refunded them the amount of rents paid by them to the receiver appointed by the Court of Claims; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Garland presented papers in relation to the application of certain citizens of Arkansas for the establishment of a post-route from Osceola to Chickasawba, in that State; which were referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the legislature of California, in favor of the passage of a law donating to that State the proceeds of the sales of public lands hereafter to be made in that State for the purposes of irrigation and protection of agricultural lands from the effects of mining débris; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Windom presented a resolution of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, in favor of the passage of a law providing for the appointment of a commission to visit the different countries of Europe and report upon the subject of forestry; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Conkling presented the petition of Egbert Thompson, United States Navy, retired-list, praying to be restored to the active-list of the Navy; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Cockrell presented papers in relation to the application of Francis Vallé, jr., and J. Baptiste Vallé, and Francis Vallé, sr., for the passage of a law confirming to them titles to certain lands in the State of Missouri; which were referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

Mr. Paddock presented a memorial of a committee of citizens of Omaha, Nebraska, praying the establishment of a branch mint at that place; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Chaffee presented the petition of Carlton Spaids, praying an equitable adjustment of his claim for the transportation of the United States mails, under a contract therefor, made in March, 1868; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Memorials, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department were presented as follows:

By Mr. Wallace: Five memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.
By Mr. Ferry: A memorial of citizens of Michigan.
By Mr. Hamlin: A memorial of citizens of the United States.
By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A memorial of citizens of Illinois.
By Mr. Anthony: A memorial of citizens of the United States.
By Mr. Kernan: A memorial of citizens of New York.
By Mr. Conkling: Two memorials of citizens of New York.
Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Wallace presented two memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania, re-

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 857) for the relief of E. Stillings; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Morgan: A bill (S. 858) to amend the laws in relation to evidence in the Court of Claims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. McCreery,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Phœbe Wilson, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Morgan submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That one thousand extra copies of the report accompanying Senate bill No. 300, to amend the statutes in relation to patents, and for other purposes, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Thurman submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That five hundred copies of Senate report No. 111, with the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary to the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862; and also to alter and amend the act of Congress, approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act, be printed in document form for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Paddock, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands, in considering the memorial of William McGarrahan, have power to send for persons and papers, to take testimony, and to employ a stenographer; and that the expenses attending the same be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate, upon vouchers approved by the committee.

On motion by Mr. McMillan,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 528) to authorize the Worthington and Sioux Falls Railroad Company to extend its road into the Territory of Dakota, to the village of Sioux Falls; and the amendment proposed by Mr. Cockrell having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Windom, the motion of Mr. Hoar, the motion of Mr. Cockrell, the motion of Mr. Thurman, and the motion of Mr. Ingalls, was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Johnston, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the vote agreeing to the adverse report on the petition of Edwin De Leon be reconsidered; and,

On motion by Mr. Johnston,

Ordered, That the petition be recommitted to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (S. 106) to authorize a long bond for the investment of savings; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and

The amendment reported by the Committee on Finance, as amended, having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate; and

The amendment made in Committee of the Whole, having been amended on the motion of Mr. Bayard, the motion of Mr. Hoar, the motion of Mr. Cockrell, the motion of Mr. Blaine, and the motion of Mr. Plumb, was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. 20) relative to Chinese immigration; and,

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Windom, at 5 o'clock and 25 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 1878.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a resolution of the legislature of Pennsylvania, in favor of the passage of a law granting pensions to soldiers of the Mexican war; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of Mary E. Parker, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

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Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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Ordered, That they lie on the table.

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Ordered, That the petition and papers of Alexander Davis, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

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The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

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The Vice-President signed the enrolled bill (S. 17) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1474) further to suspend the operations of section 5574 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, title 72, in relation to guano islands; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

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Resolved, That it pass.

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On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1947) granting a pension to Dwight A. Barrett, late private

Company E, Forty-sixth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

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The bills last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 923 be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; that the bill H. R. 2686 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations; and that the bill H. R. 3712 be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 2108) for the relief of William A. Hammond, late Surgeon-General of the Army; and,

Pending debate,

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the joint resolution (S. 20) relative to Chinese immigration; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said resolution; and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Sargent to refer the same to the Committee on Foreign Relations,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed to to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 3721) to remove the political disabilities of Robert H. Chilton, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed five enrolled bills (H. R. 1074, H. R. 1104, H. R. 1487, H. R. 2860, and H. R. 3296) and two enrolled joint resolutions (H. R. 37 and H. R. 82), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolutions:

H. R. 1074. An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Glasgow, Missouri.

H. R. 1104. An act for the relief of John Pulford.

H. R. 1487. An act making appropriations for the payment of claims reported to Congress, under section two of the act approved June 16, 1874, by the Secretary of the Treasury.

H. R. 2860. An act changing the times of holding terms of the district court for the district of West Virginia.

H. R. 3296. An act for the relief of Captain William L. Foulk.

H. R. 37. Joint resolution to authorize the Secretary of War to issue

certain arms to the Washington Light Infantry of Charleston, South Carolina.

H. R. 82. Joint resolution providing for issuing arms and ammunition to the Territory of Idaho, under the act approved July 3, 1876.

The Vice-President signed the five enrolled bills (H. R. 1074, H. R. 1104, H. R. 1487, H. R. 2860 and H. R. 3296) and the two enrolled joint resolutions (H. R. 37 and H. R. 82) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill (H. R. 3721) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 346) referring the claim of Benjamin Holladay to the Court of Claims; and, an amendment having been proposed by Mr. Christiancy,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Burnside, at 5 o'clock and 3 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1878.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of February 28, 1878, information in relation to the securities taken by the Union Pacific Railroad Company for aid afforded to the Colorado Central and other railroads.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of February 18, 1878, a report of Major C. R. Suter, Corps of Engineers, on the condition of the work for removing a bar in the Arkansas River, near Fort Smith; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of March 4, 1878, information in relation to the amount of money necessary to enable the government to coin gold and silver at the United States mint in Denver, Colorado; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a resolution of the Board of Trade of Chicago, in favor of an appropriation for the completion of the breakwater at the entrance to the harbor of refuge in Sturgeon Bay; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Bailey presented the petition of Portman Swafford, praying to be allowed arrears of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of a committee of the type-founders of the United States, remonstrating against any change in the present rate of duty on imported type; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented two petitions of citizens of New York, praying the passage of a law for the equalization of bounties; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Conkling presented a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of New York, in favor of an appropriation to enable the Light-House Board to place the automatic signal-buoy in the various principal harbors of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dorsey presented a certified copy of an act of the legislative assembly of New Mexico, entitled "An act to incorporate the Society of the Jesuit Fathers of New Mexico"; which was referred to the Committee on Territories and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eaton presented a memorial of citizens of New Haven, Connecticut, remonstrating against the passage of a law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Gordon presented a memorial of a convention held at Jacksonville, Florida, praying the establishment of an effective system of quarantine on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Eustis presented a memorial of the legislature of Louisiana, in favor of such legislation as will enable the Barataria Ship-Canal Company to construct a ship-canal from the Mississippi River opposite New Orleans to Fort Livingston, on the Gulf of Mexico; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Eustis presented a resolution of the legislature of Louisiana, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on imported rice; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the petition of Edward Perry, praying to be allowed an increase and arrears of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Hamlin presented a memorial of the Universal Peace Union, remonstrating against the transfer of the Indian Bureau from the Interior Department to the War Department; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Sargent presented a memorial of citizens of California, vintners and dealers in native wines, remonstrating against any change in the rates of duty on imported wines; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sargent presented a petition of citizens of California, praying the abrogation or modification of the tax on brandy; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Dawes: A petition of the Congregational Church of Bernardston, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A petition of the Baptist Church of Clinton, Wisconsin.

By Mr. Anthony: A petition of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Saxonville, Massachusetts.

By Mr. Morrill: A petition of the First Unitarian Church of East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, and a petition of citizens of Massachusetts.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Matthews presented four memorials of citizens of Ohio, remonstrating against the passage of a law imposing a tax on incomes; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions, praying an amendment to the pension laws, extending the time of limitation for obtaining pensions to July 4, 1880, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Kernan: A petition of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Dawes: A petition of citizens of Massachusetts.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dorsey presented a memorial of the mayor and city council of Fort Smith, Arkansas, praying an additional appropriation for the removal of obstructions to navigation in the Arkansas River, opposite that city; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. McMillan presented a memorial of the legislature of Minnesota, in favor of the passage of a law authorizing the lands of the Fort Ripley reservation to be entered under the pre-emption and homestead laws; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Garland presented a memorial of citizens of Hot Springs, Arkansas, sufferers by the late fire at that place, praying to have refunded them the amount of rents paid by them to the receiver appointed by the Court of Claims; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Garland presented papers in relation to the application of certain citizens of Arkansas for the establishment of a post-route from Osceola to Chickasawba, in that State; which were referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the legislature of California, in favor of the passage of a law donating to that State the proceeds of the sales of public lands hereafter to be made in that State for the purposes of irrigation and protection of agricultural lands from the effects of mining débris; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Windom presented a resolution of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, in favor of the passage of a law providing for the appointment of a commission to visit the different countries of Europe and report upon the subject of forestry; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Conkling presented the petition of Egbert Thompson, United States Navy, retired-list, praying to be restored to the active-list of the Navy; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Cockrell presented papers in relation to the application of Francis Vallé, jr., and J. Baptiste Vallé, and Francis Vallé, sr., for the passage of a law confirming to them titles to certain lands in the State of Missouri; which were referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

Mr. Paddock presented a memorial of a committee of citizens of Omaha, Nebraska, praying the establishment of a branch mint at that place; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Chaffee presented the petition of Carlton Spaids, praying an equitable adjustment of his claim for the transportation of the United States mails, under a contract therefor, made in March, 1868; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Memorials, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department were presented as follows:

By Mr. Wallace: Five memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Ferry: A memorial of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Hamlin: A memorial of citizens of the United States.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A memorial of citizens of Illinois.

By Mr. Anthony: A memorial of citizens of the United States.

By Mr. Kernan: A memorial of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Conkling: Two memorials of citizens of New York.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Wallace presented two memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania, re-

monstrating against the passage of a law imposing a tax on incomes; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of the legislature of Pennsylvania, in favor of the passage of a law granting pensions to the soldiers of the Mexican war; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Wallace presented a resolution of the legislature of Pennsylvania, in favor of the passage of a law to provide for equity in the rates of freight upon certain property carried totally or partially by railroad among the several States and Territories, and to prevent violent and injurious fluctuations and unjust discrimination in such commerce; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Beck presented petitions praying compensation for property alleged to have been taken and appropriated by the United States military authorities during the late civil war, as follows:

A petition of James Metcalf.

A petition of Mrs. Mary L. Hawthorn.

A petition of Frederick Reinhart.

A petition of John Davies.

A petition of John H. Perkins.

A petition of William Rambles.

A petition of Joseph Havlin.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Booth presented the petition of Gilbert Jessup, praying an extension of his patent for improvement in seeding-machines; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of Emma N. Haines, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Harris presented a letter of the Second Auditor of the Treasury, in relation to the claim of the State of Tennessee for expenses incurred in keeping United States military convicts; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of John Gotshall, late of the Tenth United States Infantry, praying to be reappointed to his former rank and position in the Army; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Cockrell presented papers in relation to the application of Jacques Clamorgan and others for the passage of a law confirming to them titles to certain lands in the State of Missouri; which were referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that on the 8th instant they presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 17. An act amending the laws granting pensions to the soldiers and sailors of the war of 1812 and their widows, and for other purposes.

S. 145. An act for the relief of Edwin A. Clifford.

S. 541. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the preparation and publication of a new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States," approved March 2, 1877.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 318) to incorporate the Citizens' Mutual Fire-Insurance Company of Washington, District of Columbia, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 561) granting a pension to William H. Nims, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 126) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R 742) granting a pension to Reuben J. Chewning, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Merrimon, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1716) authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to prosecute cases and take appeals without giving bond, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 318, S. 561, H. R. 742, H. R. 1716); and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Windom, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 17) supplemental to a joint resolution in relation to the international industrial exposition to be held in Paris in 1878, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Matthews, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 512) in relation to the Pacific Railroads, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 125) thereon.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 912) to make persons charged with crimes and offenses competent witnesses in the United States and Territorial courts, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Rollins, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2371) to amend an act entitled "An act for the support of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for other purposes," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Windom, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2507) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2584) granting a pension to Margaret R. Colony, widow of the late Major Josiah B. Colony, First Maryland Infantry Volunteers, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3104) granting a pension to Kate Louise Roy, widow of J. P. Roy, late lieutenant-colonel, United States Army, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 127) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 535) granting an increase of pension to Theodore Gardner, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 131) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Mary Wilkes, widow of the late Admiral Charles Wilkes, United States Navy, praying to be allowed a pension, reported a bill (S. 869) granting a pension to Mrs. Mary Wilkes, which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the memorial of Rebecca Miller and Augusta Miller, praying for a pension, and the memorial of B. F. Prescott and the memorial of L. Robinson, governor of New York, in aid of the same, reported a bill (S. 870) granting a pension to Rebecca and Augusta Miller, daughters of Brigadier James Miller, war of 1812, which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred

the petition of William Emerson, praying for a pension, reported a bill (S. 871) granting a pension to William Emerson; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Ann W. Steele, praying for a pension, reported a bill (S. 872) granting a pension to Mrs. Ann W. Steele; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Hannah Streets, praying for a pension, submitted a report (No. 129) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 873) granting a pension to Hannah Streets; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Alfred Richardson, praying for a pension, submitted a report (No. 130) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 874) granting a pension to Alfred Richardson; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, reported a bill (S. 875) to provide a fire-proof building for the use of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the mechanical branches of the Treasury and other departments; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the petition of James Gordon Bennett, reported a bill (S. 876) in aid of a polar expedition designed by James Gordon Bennett; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

Ordered, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Joseph Whitmore and Charles E. Cameron, late members of the Metropolitan Police force of the District of Columbia.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

Ordered, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Georgetown, District of Columbia, on behalf of Joseph Whitmore.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Kirkwood: A bill (S. 877) providing the times and places of holding the circuit court of the United States in the district of Iowa, and the appointment of an additional judge in said district; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 878) to disapprove and annul an act of the legislative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, passed on the 18th of January, 1878, by a two-thirds vote of both houses over the veto of the governor of said Territory; to the Committee on Territories.

By Mr. Dawes: A bill (S. 879) for the relief of Luther Hall; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Windom: A bill (S. 880) for the relief of Frederick Driscoll; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Windom: A bill (S. 881) to authorize the restoration of E. F. Wenekebach to the rank of captain; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Harris: A bill (S. 882) to authorize the proper accounting-officer of the Treasury to audit and pay the claim of the State of Tennessee for keeping United States military prisoners; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Eaton: A bill (S. 883) granting a pension to Emma N. Haines; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Eaton: A bill (S. 884) for the relief of William H. Varney; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 885) to amend the act approved September 27, 1850, creating the office of surveyor-general of Oregon, providing for the survey, and making donations to settlers on the public lands in Oregon, and also the act amendatory thereof, approved February 14, A. D. 1853; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 886) authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Willamette River at Portland, Oregon;

A bill (S. 887) making an appropriation for the improvement of the Coquille River, in the State of Oregon; and

A bill (S. 888) making appropriations for the survey and buoying of Coos Bay Harbor, in the State of Oregon, and the bar at the entrance thereof; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. McMillan: A bill (S. 889) granting a pension to John Etzell; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Wallace: A bill (S. 890) for the relief of John Gotshall; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Conover: A bill (S. 891) to amend section 3963 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the postal service; and

A bill (S. 892) to amend section 3955 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the postal service; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Cockrell: A bill (S. 893) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to examine the evidence of payments made by the State of Missouri since April 17, 1866, to the officers and privates of the militia forces of said State for military services actually performed in the suppression of the rebellion in full concert and co-operation with the authorities of the United States, and subject to their orders, and to make report thereof to Congress; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Cockrell: A bill (S. 894) to confirm certain land-claims in the State of Missouri; and

A bill (S. 895) to confirm certain land-claims in the State of Missouri in favor of Jaques Clamorgan and Peter Provenchere; to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

By Mr. Booth: A bill (S. 896) to authorize the extension of the patent of Gilbert Jessup; and

A bill (S. 897) establishing the Court of Patents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Gordon: A bill (S. 898) to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious diseases into the United States; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Hill: A bill (S. 899) to aid the Great Southern Railway Company (consolidated) to construct a line of railway in the States of Georgia and Florida; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Conkling: A bill (S. 900) for the relief of Egbert Thompson; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Matthews submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That five hundred additional copies of Senate Report (No. 125), with the bill (S. 512), in relation to the Pacific Railroads, as reported from the Committee on Railroads, be printed in document form for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Hamlin asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 21) filling an existing vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smith-

sonian Institution; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, on the 9th instant, the following acts:

S. 17. An act amending the laws granting pensions to the soldiers and sailors of the war of 1812 and their widows, and for other purposes.

S. 541. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the preparation and publication of a new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States, approved March 2, 1877;" and

He this day approved and signed an act (S. 145) for the relief of Edwin A. Clifford.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Blaine,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him February 25, 1878, calling for copies of the correspondence between the Governments of the United States and Great Britain relative to the selection of M. Maurice Delfosse as a commissioner, under the third article of the Treaty of Washington, on the question of the fisheries; and,

After debate,

The resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Burnside,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 178) to remove all restrictions now existing in regard to enlistments of the colored citizen in any arm of the United States Army; and,

On motion by Mr. Burnside,

Ordered, That the bill be postponed to, and made the special order for, Thursday next at one o'clock, two-thirds of the Senators present agreeing thereto.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 1474) further to suspend the operations of section 5574 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, title 72, in relation to guano islands; and

It has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 2132. An act to pay for clerical services and extraordinary expenses under the seventh section of the act of August 18, 1856, in the Pawnee land-district in Kansas.

H. R. 3102. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, and making an appropriation for the same; also making appropriations for detecting trespass on public lands and for bringing into market public lands in certain States, and for other purposes.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two en-

rolled bills (H. R. 1474 and H. R. 1947), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 452) to provide for a commission on the subject of the alcoholic liquor traffic; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Finance having been amended, on the motion of Mr. Conkling, was agreed to; and the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 29 / Nays 19

On motion by Mr. Beck,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Burnside, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Dorsey, Ferry, Hamlin, Ingalls, Jones of Nevada, Kernan, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Coke, Davis of West Virginia, Eaton, Eustis, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Johnston, Jones of Florida, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Voorhees, Withers.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 1474. An act further to suspend the operation of section 5574 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, title 72, in relation to guano islands.

H. R. 1947. An act granting a pension to Dwight A. Barrett, late private Company E, Forty-sixth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry.

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

Ordered, That the arguments before the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads on the bill (S. 539) providing for the classification of mail-matter and rates of postage thereon, be printed for the use of the committee.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its last adjournment, viz, the bill (S. 346) referring the claim of Benjamin Holladay to the Court of Claims; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Christiancy, viz: Strike out in lines 12 and 13 the words "the affidavits and orders now before Congress, and," and in line 13 strike out the word "additional," and in lieu thereof insert the word *competent*,

After debate,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 27 / Nays 23

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Burnside, Christiancy, Coke, Davis of West Virginia, Eaton, Eustis, Ferry, Hill, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Morrill, Plumb, Ransom, Sargent, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bailey, Blaine, Booth, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Conover, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kirkwood, Matthews, Mitchell, Morgan, Paddock, Rollins, Saunders, Spencer, Teller.

So the amendment was agreed to.

A further amendment to the bill having been proposed by Mr. Matthews,

On motion by Mr. Thurman that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Claims,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Burnside, at 5 o'clock p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 1878.

The bills yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 2132 be referred to the Committee on Finance, and that the bill H. R. 3102 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Vice-President signed the two enrolled bills (H. R. 1474 and H. R. 1847) yesterday reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Kernan presented a memorial of James H. Sands, lieutenant-commander United States Navy, praying the passage of a law authorizing his promotion as recommended by the board of officers appointed under the provisions of a resolution of Congress approved July 1, 1870; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Saunders presented resolutions of the Iron Moulders' Association of Omaha, Nebraska, remonstrating against the passage of the bill known as the "Wood Tariff Bill;" which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Whyte presented a memorial of the Maryland Academy of Sciences, praying the passage of the bill in relation to the Woodruff Scientific Expedition around the World.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Garland presented a petition of citizens of Arkansas, praying the passage of a law making greenbacks a legal tender for all debts, public and private; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Whyte presented a memorial of citizens of Baltimore, Maryland, remonstrating against the passage of a law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kernan presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying an amendment to the pension laws, extending the time of limitation for obtaining pensions to July 4, 1880; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Kirkwood presented papers in relation to the application of Louis

Koerth, late of Company E, Seventh Missouri Cavalry Volunteers, to be allowed a pension; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Mitchell presented nine petitions of citizens of Oregon, praying an appropriation for the erection of a light-house at the entrance of the Umpqua River, in that State; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Morrill presented a memorial of the National Association for the Relief of Destitute Colored Women and Children, submitting their annual report, and praying a further appropriation in aid of said association; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Mitchell presented a petition of John C. Smith and others, sureties on the bond of James A. Sterling, late postmaster at Oakland, Oregon, praying to have refunded them the amount of certain moneys paid to the government on account of losses occurring through the insanity of said James A. Sterling; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Teller presented a petition of Robert G. Ingersoll and other citizens of the United States, praying the repeal or modification of certain sections of the Revised Statutes regulating the transmission through the mails of certain classes of literature, pictures, &c.; which was referred to the Committee on the Revision of the Laws.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a report of the Secretary of the Interior, communicating, in compliance with the resolution of the Senate of the 4th instant, information in relation to the suppression of timber depredations in Montana Territory.

On motion by Mr. Matthews that the report be referred to the Committee on Public Lands and be printed in the Congressional Record,

Ordered, That the consideration of the motion be postponed to to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Maxey,

Ordered, That the memorial of Creek delegation, transmitting the claims of Colonel Lewis Downing and others for arrears of pay due them for services rendered during the late war, in the Indian Home Guard, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania,

Ordered, That Catharine S. Edmondson have leave to withdraw her petition and papers from the files of the Senate, on leaving copies of the same with the Secretary.

On motion by Mr. Randolph,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Martha G. Vaughn and Louisa Jackman, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 800) for the relief of the heirs of Major D. C. Smith, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 134) thereon.

Mr. Allison, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 535) for the relief of the executors of the estate of John S. Miller, deceased, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Thurman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 851) to prohibit members of Congress from becoming sureties in certain cases, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 350) to amend section 2228 of the Revised Statutes of the United States so as to enable citizens of the State of Florida

to transfer a portion of their pre-emptions or homesteads to aid in the construction of railroads, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 394) to place the name of Daniel H. Kelly upon the muster-roll of Company F, Second Tennessee Infantry, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 132) thereon.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 455) for the relief of Patrick Sullivan, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 133) thereon.

Mr. Garland, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 612) for the relief of John A. Torrence, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 740) to authorize the Secretary of War to relinquish and turn over to the Interior Department certain parts of the Camp Douglas military reservation in the Territory of Utah, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 142) thereon.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 754) granting a pension to Richard O'Neale, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 136) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

On motion by Mr. Plumb,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 848) providing for the construction of the Mount Jefferson military wagon-road, in Oregon, and that it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill (S. 901) to relinquish to the custody of the Interior Department certain portions of the Fort Fetterman military reservation which are no longer required for military purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Carl Jussen, submitted a report (No. 135) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 902) for the relief of Carl Jussen; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Franklin and others, praying for increase of pension to Henry N. Halstead, submitted an adverse report (No. 137) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Angeline Raish, praying for a pension, submitted an adverse report (No. 138) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of O. P. Shiras and others, of Dubuque, Iowa, praying an increase of the pensions of officers and soldiers of the war of 1812, submitted an adverse report (No. 139) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Richard T. Horner, praying for a pension, submitted an adverse report (No. 140) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred

the memorial of Catherine Middleton, praying for a pension, submitted an adverse report (No. 141) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Withers,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Arcadius Pettingill, praying for a pension.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Cockrell on February 28, 1878, to print additional copies of the message of the President relative to the disease prevailing among swine, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the resolution, as amended, was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That there be printed for the use of the Senate two thousand six hundred additional copies of the message of the President relative to the disease prevailing among swine.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Matthews on the 11th instant, to print additional copies of Senate Report No. 125, with bill S. 512, in relation to the Pacific Railroads, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 903) providing for the repavement of certain streets and avenues in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia; and

A bill (S. 904) requiring the removal of the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from certain streets in the city of Washington, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Jones, of Nevada: A bill (S. 905) to establish a water-route in the State of Nevada; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Booth: A bill (S. 906) releasing the title of the United States in a certain parcel of land to the assigns of John Cutler; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Kirkwood: A bill (S. 907) granting a pension to Louis Koerth; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Kernan: A bill (S. 908) to regulate the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Morrill submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing that all claims against the United States, exceeding in amount the sum of one thousand dollars, shall be prosecuted and adjudicated in the United States circuit courts of the several States where such claims originate; and also to provide for the prohibition of contingent fees in all cases prosecuted against the United States, whether in the courts or Congress.

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 876) in aid of the Polar Expedition designed by James Gordon Bennett; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 2108) for the relief of William A. Hammond, late Surgeon-General of the Army; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 55 / Nay 1

On motion by Mr. Plumb,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Bruce, Burnside, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Christiancy, Coke, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Dennis, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, McPherson, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Morrill, Paddock, Randolph, Ransom, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte, Windom, Withers.

Mr. Plumb voted in the negative.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 560) for the relief of William A. Hammond, late Surgeon-General of the Army; and,

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That the bill be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 346) referring the claim of Benjamin Holladay to the Court of Claims; and,

On motion by Mr. Mitchell,

Resolved, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Claims, with instructions to report to the Senate what amount, if any, is equitably due the claimant on account of his claim; and the said committee shall have power to send for persons and papers and take testimony.

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent, at 4 o'clock and 27 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1878.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting an estimate of additional appropriations required for the offices of the surveyors-general for the year ending June 30, 1878; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a resolution of the Maritime Association of New York, in favor of the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of Mrs. Mary McPherson, praying compensation for property alleged to have been taken and appropriated by United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hoar presented a petition of the First Baptist Church of Medford, Massachusetts, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Hoar presented a memorial of citizens of Boston, Massachusetts, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Saunders presented a petition of citizens of Nebraska, praying an amendment to the timber-culture act reducing the number of acres to be planted and the distance between the trees to be planted; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of workmen employed in the industrial establishments of the Schuylkill Valley, remonstrating against any change in the present tariff rates of duties on imports; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented five memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 426) for the relief of the Masonic Hall Company of Atlanta, Georgia, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 143) thereon.

Mr. Windom, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (S. 770) fixing the compensation of the telegraph-operators of the Senate and House of Representatives, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Windom, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2686) making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, and for the armament thereof, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1888) for the relief of Macon, Georgia, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 144) thereon.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill (S. 909) to authorize the Secretary of War to accept an absolute gift of land necessary for military purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of the Methodist Publishing House South, submitted a report (No. 146) accompanied by a bill (S. 910) for the relief of the Book Agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church South; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. McMillan asked and obtained the consent of the Senate to submit the views of the minority of the Committee on Claims on the foregoing bill; which were ordered to be printed to accompany the report of the committee (No. 146).

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 911) to amend an act entitled "An act relating to the Alexandria Canal," approved July 27, 1868; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Merrimon: A bill (S. 912) to provide for and regulate the counting of votes for President and Vice President, and the decision of questions arising thereon; to the Select Committee to take into consideration the state of the law respecting the ascertainment and declaration of the result of the elections of President and Vice-President of the United States.

By Mr. Kellogg: A bill (S. 913) for the relief of Nicholas Wax, Michael Granary, and Moline Lange; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Kellogg: A bill (S. 914) to provide for a survey, by the Secretary of War, of Bayou Courtableau, in Louisiana; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Kellogg: A bill (S. 915) in aid of the New Orleans and Pacific Railroad Company, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Kellogg: A bill (S. 916) to re-establish the mint at New Orleans, authorizing the coinage of gold and silver thereat, and making an appropriation therefor; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Gordon: A bill (S. 917) to promote the deposit of savings and the refunding of the national debt; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Conover: A bill (S. 918) for the relief of William Webster; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion yesterday submitted by him to refer to the Committee on Public Lands and print in the Congressional Record the report of the Secretary of the Interior in relation to the suppression of timber depredations in Montana Territory; and,

Mr. Sargent having demanded a division of the question,

On the question to agree to the second part of the motion, viz. to print the report in the Congressional Record,

After debate,

Mr. Matthews withdrew that part of the motion.

On the question to refer the report to the Committee on Public Lands,

After further debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the motion be postponed to to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 2507) making appropriations for the support of the Military

Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Appropriations having been agreed to in part,

On the question to agree to the last reported amendment, viz, strike out the third section of the bill in the following words:

"SEC. 3. That only such number of the graduates of the United States Military Academy in any one year shall be entitled to appointment as second lieutenants in the Army as are required to fill vacancies of that grade existing on the first day of July in each year; those entitled to appointment to said vacancies to be determined by the academic board on the basis of their standing in the graduating class. And hereafter no supernumerary officers shall be attached to any company or corps of the Army, and all graduates of the Military Academy who are not appointed to the Army under the provisions of this act shall be discharged upon the graduation of their class;"

On motion by Mr. Sargent to amend the amendment by adding, *and insert in lieu thereof the following words:*

That the cadets at large at the Military Academy shall not hereafter exceed ten in all, and no new appointment at large shall be made until the number of such cadets heretofore appointed falls below ten;

On motion by Mr. Blaine to amend the part proposed to be inserted by adding thereto the words:

The cadets appointed at large shall in all cases be taken from among the descendants of those who have served in the Army and Navy of the United States;

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Windom to lay the amendment of Mr. Blaine on the table,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 39 / Nays..... 13

On motion by Mr. Blaine,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cockrell, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dorsey, Eaton, Garland, Gordon, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kernan, McCreery, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Paddock, Plumb, Randolph, Ransom, Sargent, Saunders, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Blaine, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Dawes, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Kirkwood, McMillan, Morrill, Rollins, Spencer.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Hoar to amend the part proposed to be inserted by adding thereto the following words:

But this provision shall not be held to require the discharge of any cadets heretofore appointed,

It was determined in the affirmative; and

On the question to agree to the amendment as amended, viz, strike out the third section of the bill and in lieu thereof insert:

SEC. 3. *That the cadets at large at the Military Academy shall not hereafter exceed ten in all, and no new appointment at large shall be made until the number of such cadets heretofore appointed falls below ten. But this provision shall not be held to require the discharge of any cadets heretofore appointed,*

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 52 / Nays..... 11

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Beck, Booth, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Cockrell, Conkling, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Dennis, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Gordon, Hamlin, Harris, Hill, Hoar, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kernan, Kirkwood, McCreery, McMillan, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Morrill, Patterson, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Whyte, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bailey, Blaine, Garland, Hereford, Matthews, Paddock, Plumb, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Thurman to further amend the bill by inserting as an additional section the following:

SEC. —. *That only such number of the graduates of the United States Military Academy in any one year shall be entitled to appointment as second lieutenants in the Army as are required to fill vacancies of that grade existing on the first day of July in each year. And all graduates of the Military Academy who are not appointed to the Army under the provisions of this act shall be discharged upon the graduation of their class. But this section shall not apply to cadets now at said academy;*

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Windom that the amendment lie on the table,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 28 / Nays 25

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Garland, Hamlin, Hoar, Jones of Florida, Kirkwood, McMillan, Morrill, Patterson, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Beck, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Gordon, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Kernan, McCreery, McPherson, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Paddock, Plumb, Randolph, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte, Withers.

So the motion was agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Paddock,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 490) supplementary to an act entitled "An act in relation to the Hot Springs reservation in the State of Arkansas," approved March 3, 1877; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Public Lands

having been amended on the motion of Mr. Dorsey, was agreed to, and the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 912) to make persons charged with crimes and offenses competent witnesses in the United States and Territorial courts; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; and,

On motion by Mr. Conkling, at 4 o'clock and 27 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1878.

Mr. McMillan presented a memorial of the legislature of Minnesota, in favor of an extension of the grant of lands to that State to aid in the construction of the Southern Minnesota Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Plumb presented a memorial of the legislature of Missouri, in favor of an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Osage River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a memorial of the faculty of the Northwestern University of Illinois, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, presented the petition of Agatha O'Brien, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. McCreery presented a resolution of the legislature of Kentucky, in favor of the repeal of the so-called resumption act, and for the passage of a law making silver equal to gold in the payment of all debts, public and private; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any change in the present tariff laws; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Merrimon presented the petition of Laura E. Campbell, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the petition of H. O. Rit-

tenhouse, master United States Navy, praying to be advanced to his proper rank and position in the Navy; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Kernan presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ferry presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Harris presented a petition of citizens of Brownsville, Tennessee, in behalf of John Clinton, postmaster at that place, praying that he be relieved from liability for certain money stolen from his office in November, 1870; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Burnside presented a statement of Chief Medical Purveyor R. S. Satterlee and Assistant Medical Purveyor Charles McDougall, United States Army, in reference to rank and pay; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 120) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue an American register to the Canadian-built propeller "East" by the name of "Kent," reported it without amendment.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as follows:

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A bill (S. 919) for the better administration of justice in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Beck: A bill (S. 920) for the relief of Robert Langston; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 921) for the relief of John E. Smith et al.; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 922) to establish a post-route in the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Post Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 923) providing for the payment of all customs duties, and all other debts due to the United States, in legal-tender notes at par, except in cases where it is otherwise expressly stipulated on the face of the obligation or contract; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Maxey: A bill (S. 924) for the relief of William Longnecker; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Teller: A bill (S. 925) to regulate passenger fare and freight traffic on the Denver Pacific Railway and Kansas Pacific Railway; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Sargent: A bill (S. 926) for the sale of timber-lands in the States of California and Oregon and in Washington Territory; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Gordon: A bill (S. 927) to authorize the construction of a narrow-gauge railroad from Bismarck to the Black Hills; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 928) to fix the rank and pay of retired medical purveyors of the United States Army; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Mitchell submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to transmit to the Senate a copy of the report of J. F. Evans, in relation to the

claims of laborers and material men arising out of the construction of the revenue-cutter Corwin, recently built at Albina, Oregon, together with such recommendations as he may deem advisable in reference to the payment of such claims.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, on the 8th instant, an act (H. R. 3551) to amend section 4778 of the Revised Statutes; and

He approved and signed, on the 9th instant, the following acts and joint resolution:

H. R. 2860. An act changing the times of holding terms of the district court for the district of West Virginia.

H. R. 3296. An act for the relief of Captain William L. Foulk.

H. R. 37. Joint resolution to authorize the Secretary of War to issue certain arms to the Washington Light Infantry of Charleston, South Carolina; and

He approved and signed, on the 11th instant, an act (H. R. 1487) making appropriations for the payment of claims reported to Congress under section two of the act approved June 16, 1874, by the Secretary of the Treasury.

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 287) granting a pension to John C. Hughes, late a private in Company H, Marine Regiment, United States Volunteers; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Pensions having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

H. R. 305. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Rebecca C. Maxwell, widow of the late Colonel O. C. Maxwell, One hundred and ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

H. R. 2584. An act granting a pension to Margaret R. Colony, widow of the late Major Josiah B. Colony, First Maryland Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 3104. An act granting a pension to Kate Louise Roy, widow of J. P. Roy, late lieutenant-colonel, United States Army.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 535. A bill granting an increase of pension to Theodore Gardner.

S. 663. A bill granting a pension to William H. H. Buck.

S. 869. A bill granting a pension to Mrs. Mary Wilkes, widow of the late Admiral Charles Wilkes, United States Navy.

S. 870. A bill granting a pension to Rebecca and Augusta Miller, daughters of Brigadier-General James Miller, of the war of 1812.

S. 871. A bill granting a pension to William Emerson.

S. 872. A bill granting a pension to Mrs. Ann W. Steele.

S. 873. A bill granting a pension to Hannah Streets.

S. 874. A bill granting a pension to Alfred Richardson, late of Company A, Twelfth Indiana Volunteers.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Withers, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the vote postponing indefinitely the bill (S. 323) granting a pension to the widow of the late Commodore Benjamin J. Totten, United States Navy, be reconsidered; and,

On motion by Mr. Withers,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Burnside,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 178) to remove all restrictions now existing in regard to enlistments of the colored citizen in any arm of the United States Army; and,

On motion by Mr. Burnside,

Ordered, That the bill be made the special order for to-morrow at one o'clock, two-thirds of the Senators present agreeing thereto.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the bill of the Senate (S. 876) in aid of a Polar expedition designed by James Gordon Bennett; and,

It has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 3064. An act making appropriations for the consular and diplomatic service of the government for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

H. R. 3181. An act limiting the compensation of clerks of the district and circuit courts when one person holds both offices.

H. R. 3835. An act repealing section 363 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and the substitution of another section in lieu thereof.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills (H. R. 912 and H. R. 2108), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 912. An act to make persons charged with crimes and offenses competent witnesses in the United States and Territorial courts.

H. R. 2108. An act for the relief of William A. Hammond, late Surgeon-General of the Army.

The Vice-President signed the two enrolled bills (H. R. 912 and H. R. 2108), last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bills last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 3064 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and that the bills H. R. 3181 and H. R. 3835 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 647) granting a pension to William B. Whiting; and,

Pending debate,

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. McDonald to postpone the further consideration of the bill, and that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 2887) to authorize the granting of an American register to a foreign-built ship for the purposes of the Woodruff Scientific Expedition around the World,

It was determined in the affirmative; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, at 4 o'clock and 32 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1878.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of March 4, 1878, a report of the Chief of Engineers concerning the data from which the positions of the troops were added to the engineer maps of the Gettysburg battle-field, with diagrams showing the changing position of the troops.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Windom presented a resolution of the legislature of Minnesota, in favor of the passage of a law to compel all Indians in that State to remain upon their reservations; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. McMillan presented a memorial of the legislature of Minnesota, in favor of an appropriation for the erection of a light-house in Grand Marais Bay, north shore of Lake Superior, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Butler presented a resolution of the legislature of South Carolina, in favor of the establishment of a naval station at Port Royal, South Carolina; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented a memorial of the legislature of Wisconsin, in favor of an appropriation for the construction of a har-

bor at Kewaunee, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Withers presented the petition of A. M. Davies, praying a change in mail-route No. 11226, from Forest Depot to Loving Creek, Virginia; which was referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Ferry presented a petition of one-armed and one-legged soldiers of the late war, praying to be allowed an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ferry presented a memorial of citizens of Dakota Territory, remonstrating against the passage of the bill for the organization of the Territory of Lincoln; which was referred to the Committee on Territories.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented the petition of Crafts J. Wright, late colonel of the Thirteenth Regiment Missouri Volunteers, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Withers presented a resolution of the legislature of Virginia, in favor of the passage of the bill granting pensions to the soldiers of the Mexican war; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a memorial of the legislature of Minnesota, in favor of an appropriation for the erection of a light-house in Grand Marais Bay, north shore of Lake Superior, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Voorhees presented a petition of citizens of Illinois, praying the repeal of the act providing for the resumption of specie payments; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Matthews presented three memorials of citizens of Ohio, remonstrating against any change in the rates of duty on foreign wools and woolen goods; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Thurman presented a resolution of the legislature of Ohio, in favor of the passage of a law granting pensions to the soldiers of the Mexican war; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ferry presented a petition of citizens of Michigan, mail-route agents, praying to be allowed an increase of salary; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Paddock presented a petition of the county officers and other citizens of Knox County, Nebraska, praying the removal of the Santee Sioux Indians from that county to the Old Ponca agency in Dakota Territory; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Harris presented a memorial of the National Convention of the United States Export Trade, approved by the Chamber of Commerce of Memphis, Tennessee, in favor of encouraging American commerce and ship-building, and to encourage American lines of ocean steamers by liberal compensation for postal service; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Edmunds presented the petition of Francis Knapp, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Edmunds presented the petition of William B. Webb, administrat r of James Le Caze, surviving partner of Le Caze and Mallet, praying payment of balance claimed to be due the estate of said Le Caze on account of advances made and supplies furnished to the United States during the Revolutionary War; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Edmunds: A petition of the Sheldonville Baptist Church.

By Mr. Ferry: A petition of citizens of Michigan.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Memorials, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: Four memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Dawes: Three memorials of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Hoar: Two memorials of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Matthews: A memorial of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. McCreery: A memorial of citizens of Kentucky.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ferry presented papers in relation to the application of Cornelius Le Roy to be restored to the pension-rolls; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Memorials, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department, were presented as follows:

By Mr. McPherson: A memorial of the legislature of New Jersey.

By Mr. Dawes: A memorial of citizens of Massachusetts.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Petitions, praying an amendment to the pension-laws, extending the time of limitation for obtaining arrears of pensions to July 4, 1880, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Dawes: A petition of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Edmunds: Five petitions of citizens of Vermont.

By Mr. Hoar: A petition of Peter Buscher.

By Mr. Ingalls: A petition of citizens of Illinois.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Bayard presented a memorial of citizens of Delaware, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on imports, and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ingalls presented a resolution of the Union Veteran Club of Chicago, Illinois, in favor of the passage of a law granting arrears of pension to the soldiers of the late war; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Thurman presented a resolution of the legislature of Ohio, in favor of the repeal of the law providing for the resumption of specie payments; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Allison presented a memorial of the Cherokee delegation of Indians, remonstrating against the passage of the bill authorizing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians of North Carolina to prosecute a suit in the Court of Claims against the Cherokee Nation; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Lamar presented a resolution of the legislature of Mississippi, in favor of the passage of a law renewing and extending the grant of lands heretofore made to the Ship Island, Ripley and Kentucky Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Edmunds presented additional papers in relation to the claim of Lydia T. Hadlock, widow and administratrix of E. C. Hadlock, deceased, for compensation for property taken by the United States military authorities during the late civil war; which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Johnston presented additional papers in relation to the application of Edwin De Leon for compensation for services rendered by him while acting as United States consul to Egypt during the years 1853 to 1861; which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Hereford,

Ordered, That the papers relating to the claim of the State of West Virginia for payment of expenses incurred in organizing and equipping troops to aid in the suppression of the late rebellion, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Kernan,

Ordered, That the petition of Mrs. A. M. Conrey and others, praying to have restored to them certain moneys taken possession of by the military authorities at New Orleans, Louisiana, during the late civil war, and covered into the Treasury of the United States, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That Louisa Chandler, widow of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Charles G. Chandler, Tenth Vermont Volunteers, have leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate her petition and papers.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Maria J. Streeter, praying for a pension, submitted an adverse report (No. 155) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Sarah B. F. Mayo, praying for a pension, submitted an adverse report (No. 158) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Plana, Kendall County, Illinois, praying for a pension to Mary E. Lowe.

Mr. Garland, from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 19) in reference to the disapproval of an act of the Territory of Arizona, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 221) granting a pension of fifty dollars a month to Mary Kirby Smith Eaton during her widowhood, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 147) thereon.

Mr. Grover, from the Committee on Private Land-Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 520) to authorize the claimants to certain lands in Santa Barbara County, California, to submit their claim to the United States district court for that State for adjudication, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 148) thereon.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 467) restoring the name of Thomas Crawford, a soldier of the Mexican war, to the pension-roll, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2516) granting a pension to Fannie E. Records, widow of Albert B. Records, late a private in Company G, Fifteenth Regiment Maine Volunteers, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Windom, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3102) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, and making an appropriation for the same; also making appropriations for detecting trespass on public lands, and for bringing into market public lands in certain States, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Edmunds, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1077) to relieve certain legal disabilities of women, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. McDonald, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 261) for the enforcements of judgments and decrees in other States than those where rendered or made, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 641) granting a pension to James M. Carpenter, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 989) granting a pension to Mrs. Eliza A. Semple, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 152) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 261, S. 641, H. R. 989) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 76) granting a pension to Mary Ann McFarland, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 150) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 712) granting a pension to William Loudon, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 151) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 687) granting a pension to William H. Bagley, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 153) thereon.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 547) granting a pension to Caroline M. Egbert, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 154) thereon.

Mr. Grover, from the Committee on Private Land-Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 753) to confirm a certain private land-claim in the Territory of New Mexico, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 149) thereon.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Ordered, That the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 134) making further appropriations for continuing the improvements of Galveston Harbor, and for continuing the work in Galveston Bay, State of Texas, and that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Kirkwood,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 367) for the relief of Louisa Albertson, of Dallas, Texas, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the memorial of Hiram M. Howard, praying for a pension, reported a bill (S. 929) granting a pension to Hiram Howard; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Mary B. Marsh, praying for a pension, submitted a report (No. 156) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 930) granting a pension to Mary B. Marsh; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of James Shields, praying for a pension, submitted a report (No. 157) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 931) granting a pension to James Shields; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Ferry: A bill (S. 932) granting a pension to Cornelius Le Roy, to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Rollins: A bill (S. 933) to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund a certain tax erroneously collected; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 934) for the relief of H. M. Billingsley; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Maxey: A bill (S. 935) for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of James C. Pickett, deceased; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. Merrimon: A bill (S. 936) regulating the compensation of the reporters of the decisions of the Supreme Court, and providing for the printing of the reports at the Government Printing Office, and selling the same at the government price; to the Committee on Printing.

By Mr. Hereford: A bill (S. 937) to recognize and pay certain claims due by the State of West Virginia to citizens thereof for services rendered in suppressing the late rebellion, and which were properly chargeable to the United States; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Eaton: A bill (S. 938) for the relief of Cyrus C. Clark; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Morgan: A bill (S. 939) for the relief of H. M. Jones; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Eustis: A bill (S. 940) to authorize the States to impose a tonnage-tax, charge, or duty on vessels, to maintain quarantine; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 941) to regulate the hours of labor; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

Mr. Merrimon submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to report to the Senate such information as he has in regard to the necessity for or expediency of erecting beacon-lights to mark the channel on the line of inland navigation through North-Landing River, Currituck Sound, and North River, in North Carolina.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring), That there be printed five thousand copies of the report of the United States Entomological Commission; three thousand copies of which shall be for the use of the House of Representatives, one thousand five hundred for the use of the Senate, and five hundred copies for the use of the commission; and

It has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 135. An act for the relief of Daniel J. Benner, of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

H. R. 251. An act for the relief of James J. Waring, of Savannah, Georgia.

H. R. 2161. An act for the relief of M. G. Harman, of Virginia.

H. R. 2818. An act to authorize T. and J. W. Gaff and Company to use a certain building in the city of Aurora, Indiana, for the rectification of distilled spirits.

H. R. 3846. An act to provide for a deficiency in the miscellaneous fund of the House of Representatives.

H. R. 3859. An act for the relief of Silas M. Norton, postmaster at Bristol, Connecticut.

H. R. 133. Joint resolution to prescribe the time for the payment of the tax on distilled spirits, and for other purposes.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed four enrolled bills (S. 876, H. R. 305, H. R. 2584, and H. R. 3104), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 876. An act in aid of a polar expedition designed by James Gordon Bennett.

H. R. 305. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Rebecca C. Maxwell, widow of the late Colonel O. C. Maxwell, One hundred and ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

H. R. 2584. An act granting a pension to Margaret R. Colony, widow of the late Major Josiah B. Colony, First Maryland Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 3104. An act granting a pension to Kate Louise Roy, widow of J. P. Roy, late lieutenant-colonel United States Army.

The Vice-President signed the four enrolled bills (S. 876, H. R. 305, H. R. 2584 and H. R. 3104) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 851) to prohibit members of Congress from becoming sureties on certain bonds; and the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act to amend sections thirty-seven hundred and thirty-nine, thirty-seven hundred and forty, thirty-seven hundred and forty-one, and thirty-seven hundred and forty-two, of the Revised Statutes of the United States."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 2686) making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, and for the armament thereof, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read a third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Allison,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 706) authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to make certain negotiations with the Ute Indians in the State of Colorado; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Allison,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds to further amend the bill,

Pending debate,

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its last adjournment, viz, the bill (H. R. 2887) to authorize the granting of an American register to a foreign-built ship, for the purposes of the Woodruff Scientific Expedition around the World; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Commerce having been disagreed to, and no amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

The resolution to print the report of the Entomological Commission, this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The bills and joint resolution this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 135 and H. R. 2161 be referred to the Committee on Claims; that the bills H. R. 251 and H. R. 2818 and the joint resolution H. R. 133 be referred to the Committee on Finance; that the bill H. R. 3846 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and that the bill H. R. 3859 be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Allison, at 4 o'clock and 23 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 1878.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, calling attention to the condition of the appropriations allotted for the public printing for the War Department, and recommending an additional appropriation therefor, for the current fiscal year; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a resolution of the legislature of Pennsylvania, in favor of the passage of a law to provide for equity in the rates of freight upon property, carried totally or partially by rail, in commerce with foreign nations, or among the several States and Territories; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Whyte presented a resolution of the legislature of Maryland, in favor of a reduction of the tax on manufactured tobacco, and that a proper rebate be allowed to dealers and manufacturers with stock on hand; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Harris presented the petition of J. J. Williams, of Tennessee, praying compensation for property alleged to have been taken and appropriated by the United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Cockrell presented the petition of Crafts J. Wright, late colonel of the Thirteenth Regiment Missouri Volunteers, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Garland presented a petition of citizens of Arkansas, praying the establishment of a post-route from Conway to Jacksonville, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. McCreery presented the petition of Margaret Yates, of Kentucky, praying to be allowed a pension, and back pay and bounty alleged to have been due her late husband, Jack Williams, late of Company D, Fortieth United States Colored Troops, and also pension on account of her minor child; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Maxey presented a petition of B. F. Overton, governor of the Chickasaw Nation of Indians, praying the establishment of a post-route from Tishomingo to Marysville, Texas; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Gordon presented a resolution of the city council of Atlanta, Georgia, and two petitions of citizens of Georgia, praying the passage of a law for the construction and completion of the Texas Pacific Railroad; which were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Gordon presented a petition of citizens of Georgia, praying the establishment of a post-route from Swainsborough to Red Branch, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McPherson presented a resolution of the Board of New Jersey Pilot Commissioners, in favor of the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Booth presented the petition of Alexander McDonald, of Kansas, praying the passage of a law to perfect and secure to him title to certain lands purchased by him from among those known as the Osage ceded lands, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

Mr. Beck presented petitions praying compensation for property alleged to have been taken and appropriated by United States military authorities during the late civil war, as follows:

A petition of Mrs. Jane P. Messingale.
A petition of John H. Weeks.
A petition of John G. Snow.
A petition of J. C. Sayers.
A petition of William Rogan.
A petition of Julia A. Reed.
A petition of J. J. Dillihay.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 312) for the relief of Robert Coles, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 161) thereon.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 594) for the relief of William W. Speirs, late assist-

ant surgeon United States Army, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 160) thereon.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 333) for the relief of Thomas J. Choate, Erastus Foster, Milton Ladd, Clarence E. Haney, William A. Hill, Kneeland F. Huckaby, and William Blackburn, late privates in Company F, Third Regiment Arkansas Cavalry Volunteers, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 159) thereon.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 847) for the relief of Susan Robb, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 162) thereon.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 306) amendatory of the act entitled "An act granting lands to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from Portland to Astoria and McMinville, in the State of Oregon," reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 163) thereon.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 436) granting a pension to Adam Stinson, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 164) thereon.

Mr. Booth, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 906) releasing the title of the United States in a certain parcel of land to the assigns of John Cutler, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 596) to amend section 540, chapter 1, title 13, Revised Statutes of the United States, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 243) for the relief of Prudence Pierce and Vanness Pierce, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Matthews, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 474) to authorize the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to extend its railroad and telegraph-line easterly from its present eastern terminus in Arizona to a point on the Rio Grande, at or near El Paso, and to aid in building the same, reported it without amendment and without recommendation.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 158) granting a pension to Joseph Rouleau, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 165) thereon.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1256) granting a pension to Rebecca B. Remick, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 166) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 158, H. R. 1256) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Matthews, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the subject of the Texas Pacific Railroad, submitted a report (No. 167) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 942) amendatory of and

supplementary to the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Texas Pacific Railroad Company, and to aid in the construction of its road, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1871, and the several acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

Ordered, That the Committee on Railroads be discharged from the further consideration of the following bills:

S. 404. A bill amendatory of and supplementary to the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Texas Pacific Railroad Company, and to aid in the construction of its road, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1871, and the several acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

S. 440. A bill amendatory of and supplementary to the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Texas Pacific Railroad Company, and to aid in the construction of its road, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1871, and the several acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto.

Mr. Conover reported from the Committee that they yesterday presented to the President of the United States the enrolled bill (S. 876) in aid of a polar expedition designed by James Gordon Bennett.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas P. Strait, praying for a pension, submitted an adverse report (No. 169) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Mary C. J. Budlong, praying for a pension, submitted an adverse report (No. 168) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Edward Perry, submitted an adverse report (No. 171) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Boley S. Pate, praying for a pension, submitted an adverse report (No. 170) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Bruce,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Albert Ivers, praying for an increase of pension, and that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of former officers of the United States Volunteer Army, at present of the uniformed militia of Pennsylvania, praying for an appropriation for the encouragement of rifle-practice in the Army and Navy and uniformed militia.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times, by unanimus consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Blaine: A bill (S. 943) for the better protection of acting-plays and dramatic literature; to the Committee on the Library.

By Mr. Jones, of Nevada: A bill (S. 944) in relation to the public lands in the State of Nevada; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Jones, of Nevada: A bill (S. 945) for the relief of D. O. Adkinson; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Jones, of Nevada: A bill (S. 946) to provide for the erection of a post-office, United States court-rooms, land-office, and other offices, at Carson, Nevada; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 947) for the relief of Major Jacob E. Burbank; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Booth: A bill (S. 948) for the relief of Alexander McDonald; to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

By Mr. Chaffee: A bill (S. 949) to refer the claim of the Western Cherokees, or old settlers' claim, to the Court of Claims for adjudication; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Sargent: A bill (S. 950) in relation to certain fees allowed registers and receivers; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Teller: A bill (S. 951) in relation to the Pagossa Hot Springs, in the State of Colorado; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Eustis: A bill (S. 952) to authorize the Barrataria Ship-Canal Company to construct and operate a ship-canal from New Orleans to the Gulf of Mexico, through the lands and waters of the United States, and to grant to said company the right of way for that purpose; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. McCreery: A bill (S. 953) granting a pension to Margaret Yates; to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Booth submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That five hundred copies of Senate bill 300, to amend the statutes in relation to patents, and for other purposes, as reported, be printed for the use of the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Matthews submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Attorney-General be hereby directed to report to the Senate whether the lands and rights granted by the United States to the State of Indiana by the act entitled "An act to authorize the State of Indiana to open a canal through the public lands to connect the navigation of the rivers Wabash and the Miami of Lake Erie," approved May 26, 1824 (4 United States Statutes at Large, 47), have, according to the terms of said act, reverted to the United States; and, if so, what action on the part of the United States, legislative or otherwise, is necessary and proper to enable it to obtain possession thereof.

On motion by Mr. McDonald,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (H. R. 2887) to authorize the granting of an American register to a foreign-built ship for the purposes of the Woodruff Scientific Expedition around the World; and,

The question being, Shall the bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative, and

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the bill of the Senate (S. 611) to extend the charter of the Franklin Insurance Company of the city of Washington; and

It has passed the bill of the Senate (S. 349) to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund a certain tax erroneously

collected, with amendments; in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 3690. An act to relieve the churches of the District of Columbia, and to clear the title of the trustees to such property.

H. R. 3968. An act regulating exemptions in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 3969. An act regulating the appointment of justices of the peace, commissioners of deeds, and constables within and for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

H. R. 142. Joint resolution making an appropriation for filling up, draining, and placing in good sanitary condition the grounds south of the Capitol, along the line of the old canal, and for other purposes.

The bills and joint resolution last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 3960, H. R. 3968, and H. R. 3699, be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and that the joint resolution (H. R. 142) be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion by Mr. Chaffee,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 706) authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to make certain negotiations with the Ute Indians, in the State of Colorado; and

On the question to agree to the amendment yesterday proposed by Mr. Edmunds,

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act authorizing the President of the United States to make certain negotiations with the Ute Indians in the State of Colorado."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has non-concurred in certain amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 2507) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and it has concurred in the fourteenth amendment of the Senate to the said bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 2301. An act fixing the compensation of jurors serving in the district and circuit courts of the United States.

H. R. 3714. An act for the relief of the families of the men who perished on the United States dredge-boat McAlister.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (H. R. 2686), I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and

found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 2686) making appropriations for fortifications and for other works of defense and for the armament thereof, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 2686) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bills last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 2301 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and that the bill H. R. 3714 be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Paddock,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 396) to amend section 2464 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the cultivation of timber on the public domain; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Public Lands having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on motion of Mr. Sargent,

On motion by Mr. Beck to further amend the bill,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3102) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, and making an appropriation for the same; also making appropriations for detecting trespass on public lands, and for bringing into market public lands in certain States, and for other purposes; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Appropriations having been agreed to in part,

On the question to agree to the fourth reported amendment,

On motion by Mr. Beck to amend the amendment,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 349) to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund a certain tax erroneously collected, and

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the bill of the House (H. R. 2507) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and the amendment of the House to the fourteenth amendment of the Senate to the said bill; and,

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House, disagree to the amendment of the House to fourteenth amendment of the Senate to the bill, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Vice-President.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in

the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Windom, at 5 o'clock and 30 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1878.

Mr. Maxey presented a petition of Kennedy and Brother, of Dallas, Texas, praying compensation for property taken and appropriated by United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Morgan presented a petition of citizens of Alabama, praying the passage of a law providing for the early construction and completion of the Texas Pacific Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Grover presented a petition of the Alaska Gold and Silver Mining Company, praying the protection of persons engaged in mining in Alaska Territory from the hostilities of the natives, and that that Territory be attached to the division of Oregon for all judicial purposes; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of the legal representatives of Samuel Judah, deceased, praying compensation for supplies and materials furnished by said decedent to the United States Army during the Revolutionary war; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Mitchell presented the petition of William King Lear, of Wrangel Island, Alaska Territory, praying the passage of a law authorizing him to purchase from the United States certain lands on which he resides on said island; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of Cairo, Illinois, in favor of the passage of the bill providing for the appointment of a commission to devise plans for, and to superintend the survey and construction of, works for the permanent improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Hoar presented a memorial of citizens of Boston, Massachusetts, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Grover presented a memorial of the commissioners of Umatilla County, Oregon, praying to be allowed the right to construct a road through the Umatilla Indian reservation, and construct a bridge over the Umatilla River in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Matthews presented a memorial of citizens of Burlington, Iowa, remonstrating against any change in the rates of duty on wrought-iron lap-welded boiler flues and tubes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Mitchell presented the petition of James C. Fox, of Oregon, praying compensation for the destruction by fire of his vessel, the steam-tug Sedalia, while employed by the United States as a tender to the United

States dredge-boat employed in dredging the Columbia and Willamette Rivers; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hoar presented a memorial of citizens of Massachusetts, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on imports, and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Eaton: A memorial of citizens of Connecticut.

By Mr. Armstrong: A memorial of citizens of Missouri.

By Mr. Hamlin: A memorial of citizens of Maine.

By Mr. Cockrell: A memorial of citizens of Missouri.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Butler presented a memorial of citizens of South Carolina, remonstrating against any change in the rates of duty on imports, and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Bruce presented papers in relation to the claim of Eunice J. Stockwell, for compensation for the use and occupancy of and damage to her property in Natchez, Mississippi, by United States military authorities during the late civil war; which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Saunders presented papers in relation to the application of Aloysius J. Kane, late acting ensign United States Navy, to be appointed to the retired-list of the Navy with the rank of lieutenant; which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Burnside presented papers in relation to the claim of George Clendenin, of Carroll, Montana Territory, for compensation for property destroyed by the Nez Percés Indians at Cow Island, in September, 1876; which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, presented a resolution of the legislature of Florida, in favor of the passage of a law authorizing the legislature of Florida to incorporate the seminary fund and agricultural-college fund into the common school-fund of that State; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

On motion by Mr. McPherson,

Ordered, That Alexander Henderson have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

Ordered, That certain statements and tables presented to the Committee on Finance, by the Secretary of the Treasury, be printed for the use of the committee.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 61) for the relief of the Richmond Female Institute of Richmond, Virginia, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 174) thereon.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 250) for the relief of the National Bank of Western Arkansas, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 172) thereon.

Mr. Teller, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 913) for the relief of Nicholas Wax, Michael Granary, and Moline Lange, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 173) thereon.

Mr. Windom, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3846) to provide for a deficiency in the miscella-

neous fund of the House of Representatives, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2096) for the relief of James Fishback, late collector of internal revenue, tenth district, State of Illinois, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 175) thereon.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of T. A. Walker, praying to be reimbursed for money paid by him for clerk-hire while acting as register of the United States land-office at Des Moines, Iowa, submitted a report (No. 176) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 954) for the relief of Thomas A. Walker; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on Claims, submitted a report (No. 177) accompanied by a bill (S. 955) for the relief of the estate of John Waters, deceased; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on Claims, submitted a report (No. 178) accompanied by a bill (S. 956) for the relief of W. P. Grace, administrator of W. B. Gosa; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on Claims, submitted a report (No. 179) accompanied by a bill (S. 957) for the relief of Michael Callahan; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Morgan,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 271) for the relief of W. B. Gosa, Michael Callaghan, and the estate of John Waters, deceased.

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 1135) to authorize the issue of a patent of certain lands in the Brothertown reservation, in the State of Wisconsin, to the persons selected by the Brothertown Indians, and that it be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Allison,

Ordered, That the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 366) for the relief of Rollin J. Reeves, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 937) to recognize and pay certain claims due by the State of West Virginia to citizens thereof, for services rendered in suppressing the late rebellion, and which are properly chargeable to the United States, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Passed Assistant Engineer Absalom Kirby, United States Navy.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Claims, to whom were referred the papers relating to the claim of Isaac Bloom, of New Orleans, Louisiana, submitted an adverse report (No. 180) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 958) for the relief of George Clendenin, jr.; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 959) for the protection of homestead settlers on the public lands; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 960) for the relief of James C. Fox; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 961) for the establishment of a certain post-route in the State of Oregon; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Ferry: A bill (S. 962) granting a pension to William Criddle; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Saunders: A bill (S. 963) to amend the record of a naval officer; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 964) for the relief of the owners of the bark Grapeshot; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Bruce: A bill (S. 965) for the relief of Emma J. Stockwell; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Jones, of Nevada: A bill (S. 966) to establish certain post-routes in the State of Nevada; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Allison: A bill (S. 967) to repeal the pre-emption laws and to provide for the sale of timber upon the public lands of the United States; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Kernan: A bill (S. 968) to provide for the appointment of two additional district judges in and for the second judicial circuit; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 969) granting a pension to Mrs. N. E. Belrichards; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 970) for the relief of Samuel B. Brightman; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Windom submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That during the present session it shall be in order at any time pending an appropriation bill to move to confine debate on amendments thereto to five minutes by any Senator on the pending motion; and such motion shall be decided without debate.

Mr. Howe submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That the President be requested, if not incompatible with the public interest, to inform the Senate whether W. R. Whittaker, who recently presided in the superior criminal court of the parish of Orleans, was formerly employed either in the internal-revenue service or as assistant treasurer at New Orleans; if so, during what period of time; whether in either of said capacities the said Whittaker is a defaulter to the United States, and to what amount, and under what circumstances; whether legal proceedings have been taken against said Whittaker, either civil or criminal, and with what result; whether such proceedings are still pending; or, if discontinued, when they were discontinued, and by whose direction.

Mr. Conover submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the President is hereby requested to communicate to the Senate, if not incompatible with the public interest, such information as the government has received respecting the terms and conditions under which the surrender of the Cuban insurgents has been made, together with such other information in his possession respecting the future policy of Spain in the government of the island of Cuba.

On motion by Mr. Paddock,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration

of the bill (S. 396) to amend section 2464 of the Revised Statutes, relating to cultivation of timber on the public domain; and,

The question being on the amendment yesterday proposed by Mr. Beck,

Mr. Beck withdrew the proposed amendment.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 39 / Nays..... 12

On motion by Mr. Saulsbury,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Barnum, Blaine, Booth, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hoar, Howe, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Lamar, McCreery, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morgan, Morrill, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Beck, Davis of West Virginia, Eaton, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Kernan, Merrimon, Saulsbury, Whyte.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 21) filling an existing vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; and

It has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 3972. An act fixing the fees of clerks of United States district and circuit courts.

H. R. 3973. An act fixing compensation of United States marshals and deputies, and for other purposes.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills (S. 611 and H. R. 2887), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

The President of the United States has informed the House of Representatives that he approved and signed, on the 9th instant, the joint resolution (H. R. 82) providing for issuing arms and ammunition to the Territory of Idaho, under the act approved July 3, 1876; and

He approved and signed, on the 13th instant, the following acts:

H. R. 1074. An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Glasgow, Missouri.

H. R. 1104. An act for the relief of John Pulford; and

He approved and signed, on the 15th instant, the following acts:

H. R. 1474. An act further to suspend the operations of section 5574 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, title 72, in relation to guano islands.

H. R. 1947. An act granting a pension to Dwight A. Barrett, late private Company E, Forty-sixth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry.

H. R. 2108. An act for the relief of William A. Hammond, late Surgeon-General of the Army; and

He approved and signed, on the 16th instant, an act (H. R. 912) to make persons charged with crimes and offenses competent witnesses in the United States and Territorial courts.

The bills (H. R. 3972 and H. R. 3973) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 611. An act to extend the charter of the Franklin Insurance Company of the City of Washington.

H. R. 2887. An act to authorize the granting of an American register to a foreign-built ship for the purposes of the Woodruff Scientific Expedition around the World.

The Vice-President signed the two enrolled bills (S. 611 and H. R. 2887) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Windom, Mr. Blaine, and Mr. Withers managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 2507) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Gordon,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 3721) to remove the political disabilities of Robert H. Chilton.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved (two-thirds of the Senators present concurring), That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 3102) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, and making an appropriation for the same; also making appropriations for detecting trespass on public lands, and for bringing into market public lands in certain States, and for other purposes; and,

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Beck to the fourth amendment reported by the Committee on Appropriations,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and

also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Jones, of Florida, at 5 o'clock and 14 minutes p. m., The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1878.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of the Medical Society of New York, praying an appropriation for the publication of the catalogue of the National Medical Library; which was referred to the Committee on Printing.

Petitions, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors, were presented as follows:

By the Vice-President: A petition of citizens of the United States.

By Mr. Conkling: A petition of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Bruce: A petition of citizens of Illinois.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Voorhees presented the petition of O. J. Smith, editor of the Daily Express, of Terre Haute, Indiana, praying the abolition of the duty on type; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Hoar: A memorial of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Conkling: A memorial of citizens of New York.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Beck presented a petition of pastors of colored churches in Lexington, Kentucky, praying the passage of the bill authorizing the payment of bounties to the heirs of soldiers who enlisted as slaves; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dorsey presented the petition of J. H. C. Coffin, treasurer of the Church of the Epiphany, Washington, District of Columbia, praying an amendment to the bill H. R. 3690, so as to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund to the churches in said District the taxes heretofore paid by them upon their church-property; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Dorsey presented two memorials of citizens of Washington, District of Columbia, praying the passage of a law requiring the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to vacate their present depot, and the streets and avenues occupied by them, and adopt some other route to said city, and remonstrating against the exemption of said company from taxation, and praying that they be required to pay their just proportion of taxes; which were referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Conkling presented two petitions of citizens of New York, praying the passage of the bill for the equalization of bounties; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Morgan presented resolutions of an educational convention held at Atlanta, Georgia, in favor of the passage of a law providing that the proceeds of the sales of the public lands shall be turned over to the properly-constituted authorities of the Southern States for educational

purposes; which were referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

Mr. McPherson presented a memorial of Charles O. Allibone, lieutenant United States Navy, praying to be restored to his proper position on the Navy list; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

To the Senate:

In answer to the resolution of the Senate of the 11th of March instant, I herewith transmit a report from the Secretary of State, with accompanying documents.

R. B. HAYES.

WASHINGTON, *March* 21, 1878.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Garland, from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the bill (S. 878) to disapprove and annul an act of the legislative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, passed on the 18th of January, 1878, by a two-thirds vote of both houses over the veto of the governor of said Territory, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Booth on the 19th instant, to print five hundred copies of the bill (S. 300) for the use of the Committee on Patents, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 971) granting a pension to William Leibig; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Cockrell: A bill (S. 972) for the relief of certain soldiers of the Eighth Cavalry Missouri State Militia; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. McPherson: A bill (S. 973) for the relief of Charles O. Allibone; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A bill (S. 974) to confirm to the city of Chicago, Illinois, the title to certain grounds; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Hereford submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Whereas House bill No. 805, a bill "to repeal all that part of the act, approved January 14, 1875, known as the resumption act, which authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to dispose of United States bonds and redeem and cancel the greenback currency," was referred to the Finance Committee of the Senate on November 26, 1877: Therefore be it

Resolved, That said committee be required to report said bill to the Senate within one week, together with their action thereon, if any shall have been had.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 3740. An act to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June

thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and for prior years, and for other purposes.

H. R. 3987. An act to regulate the advertising of mail-lettings.

The bills last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 3740 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations; and that the bill H. R. 3987 be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, on the 18th instant, an act (S. 876) in aid of a Polar expedition, designed by James Gordon Bennett.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution yesterday submitted by him providing for a limitation of debate on amendments to appropriation bills; and

The resolution was agreed to.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insists upon its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 2507) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, insisted upon by the Senate, and insists upon its amendment to the fourteenth amendment of the Senate to the said bill. It agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Durham, Mr. Clymer, and Mr. A. Herr Smith, managers at the same on its part.

On motion by Mr. Chaffee,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 144) to establish the Territory of Lincoln, and to provide a temporary government therefor; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Territories having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate.

On the question to agree to the amendment made in Committee of the Whole,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 3102) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, and making an appropiation for the same; also making appropriations for detecting trespass on public lands, and for bringing into market public lands in certain States, and for other purposes; and,

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Beck to the fourth amendment reported by the Committee on Appropriations,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of

the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. McCreery, at 5 o'clock and 12 minutes, p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1878.

Mr. Whyte presented a petition of citizens of the United States, praying a reduction of the tax on vinegar; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Beck presented a resolution of the legislature of Kentucky, in favor of an extension of time for paying internal-revenue tax on spirits in bond; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Beck presented a petition of citizens of Kentucky, praying the repeal of the bankrupt law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Memorials remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes were presented, as follows:

By Mr. Christiancy: A memorial of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Ferry: A memorial of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Conkling: A memorial of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: Seven memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Hoar: A memorial of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Armstrong: A memorial of citizens of Missouri.

By Mr. Eaton: A memorial of citizens of Connecticut.

By Mr. Kernan: A memorial of citizens of New York.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Grover presented a memorial of the Board of Trade of Astoria, Oregon, in favor of an appropriation for the construction of a canal and locks at the cascades of the Columbia River, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Saunders presented a petition of citizens of Nebraska, praying the passage of a law for the equalization of bounties; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Johnston presented a petition of citizens of the United States, praying the imposition of a duty of thirty cents per pound on all stereotype and electrotype plates imported into the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dennis presented a resolution of the legislature of Maryland, in favor of the passage of a law granting pensions to soldiers of the Mexican war; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dorsey presented a petition of the trustees of the Arkansas Institute for the Education of the Blind, praying the passage of a law to provide for the education of the blind; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a resolution of the legislature of Pennsylvania, in favor of an amendment to the pension laws,

extending the time of limitation for obtaining arrears of pension to July 4, 1880; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a resolution of the Board of Trade of Philadelphia, in favor of an appropriation to enable the Light-House Board to place the automatic signal buoy in the principal harbors of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of the Board of Trade of Philadelphia, remonstrating against any change in the present navigation laws that will interfere with American commerce and ship-building, and approving the action of the Convention of the United States Export Trade upon that subject; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Eaton presented a petition of citizens of Connecticut, praying the prompt recognition of their claims for pensions who are, as they allege, sufferers by the limitations of an unwise pension law; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Conkling presented a resolution of the legislature of New York, remonstrating against the proposed abandonment and sale of the Watervliet arsenal, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting a copy of a report of the Chief of Ordnance in relation to the clerical force in his office, and recommending an appropriation for the employment of six additional clerks; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting a communication from the Chief of Engineers recommending an appropriation for continuing the examinations required by section 4 of the act of March 3, 1875, in connection with the construction of jetties at the South Pass of the Mississippi River; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hoar presented a petition of citizens of Illinois, praying an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the several States from disfranchising citizens of the United States on account of sex.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dennis presented additional papers in relation to the application of Charles Collins for relief from liability for loss of postage-stamps alleged to have been stolen from the post-office at Berlin, Maryland; which were referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Spencer presented a petition of colored people of the United States, praying such legislation as will better protect them in their civil and political rights; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Spencer presented the petition of Thomas J. Wood, praying to be restored to the rank of major-general on the retired-list of the Army; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 142) granting a pension to George McCoy, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 181) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1948) granting a pension to Bridget T. Hopper, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Conover, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 292) for the relief of Assistant Engineer Howard D. Potts, United States Navy, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 183) thereon.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 360) in relation to docketing judgments recovered in the courts of the United States to make them a lien on real estate, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 292, S. 360) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Kellogg January 15, 1878, directing the Secretary of the Senate to pay to John Ray and William L. McMillen the compensation and mileage of Senators for the unexpired term of William P. Kellogg in the Forty-second Congress, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 182) thereon.

On motion by Mr. Bailey,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of John Wallace, of Tallahassee, Florida, praying for a pension.

On motion by Mr. Bailey,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 762) granting a pension to John S. Hall, of West Virginia, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Kernan: A bill (S. 975) for the relief of Eugene C. Johnson; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 976) for the relief of Thomas J. Wood; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 977) to abolish the Board of Police Commissioners of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Conkling: A bill (S. 978) granting a pension to Hiram M. Kuhn; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Merrimon: A bill (S. 979) in relation to the payment of taxes and assessments in the city of Washington, District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Dennis: A bill (S. 980) for the relief of Charles Collins; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Eaton submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Whereas it is alleged that Benjamin Noyes, a citizen of the United States and of the State of Connecticut, was, on the 11th day of March, 1878, in the city of Washington, arrested and imprisoned without due process of law, in violation of the rights of the citizen; and while so suffering from this illegal arrest and imprisonment, his kidnappers took from his person valuable papers and property, and refused and denied him the privilege of consulting with friends and counsel: Therefore,

Resolved by the Senate, That the Committee on the Judiciary be directed to inquire into the subject-matter of this resolution and report thereon, and that the committee be empowered to send for persons and papers, and to employ a stenographer should it be necessary.

Mr. Ransom submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to transmit to the Senate any information he may have in his department in relation to

the improvement of the Cape Fear Harbor, in North Carolina, since the last report upon that improvement.

On motion by Mr. Whyte,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 120) authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue an American register to the Canadian-built propeller East, by the name of Kent; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the resolution of the Senate to print the report of Chief Engineer King on European ships of war, for the use of the Navy Department; and

It has passed a bill (H. R. 3822) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House having signed an enrolled bill (H. R. 3721) and an enrolled joint resolution (S. 21), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bill and joint resolution:

H. R. 3721. An act to remove the political disabilities of Robert H. Chilton.

S. 21. Joint resolution filling an existing vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 3102) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, and making an appropriation for the same; also making appropriations for detecting trespass on public lands, and for bringing into market public lands in certain States, and for other purposes; and,

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Beck to the fourth amendment reported by the Committee on Appropriations,

After debate,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On the question to agree to the amendment as amended, viz: Insert at the end of section 2 of the bill the following words:

And provided further, That where wood and timber lands in the Territories of the United States are not surveyed and offered for sale in proper subdivisions, convenient of access, no money herein appropriated shall be used to collect any charge for wood or timber cut on the public lands in the Territories of the United States for the use of actual settlers in the Territories, and not for export from the Territories of the United States where the timber grew: And provided further, That if any timber cut on the public lands shall be exported from the Territories of the United States, it shall be liable to seizure by United States authority wherever found,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....42 / Nays..... 4

On motion by Mr. Kernan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Blaine, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Chaffee, Christiancy, Coke, Conover, Dawes, Dennis, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hamlin, Harris, Hereford, Ingalls, Jones of Nevada, Kirkwood, Lamar, McCreery, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morrill, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Spencer, Teller, Whyte, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted the negative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Cameron of Wisconsin, Kernan, Wadleigh.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The residue of the reported amendments having been agreed to,

On motion by Mr. Plumb to further amend the bill by inserting after line 31, page 4, the following words:

For railway-mail agents and postal clerks, twenty thousand dollars;

After debate,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....34 / Nays.....19

On motion by Mr. Maxey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Chaffee, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Dawes, Eustis, Grover, Hamlin, Hoar, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kirkwood, Lamar, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Morgan, Morrill, Paddock, Plumb, Ransom, Rollins, Saunders, Spencer, Teller.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Dennis, Eaton, Garland, Harris, Hill, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, McPherson, Merrimon, Sargent, Saulsbury, Voorhees, Whyte, Windom, Withers.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Windom from the Committee on Appropriations,

On motion by Mr. Jones, of Florida, to amend the bill by striking out the second section thereof,

On motion by Mr. Windom that the amendment lie on the table,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 27 / Nays..... 17

On motion by Mr. Morgan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bayard, Beck, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Dawes, Eaton, Garland, Harris, Hoar, Ingalls, Kernan, Kirkwood, McCreery, Matthews, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morrill, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Thurman, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Butler, Chaffee, Coke, Conover, Eustis, Gordon, Hereford, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Lamar, McDonald, McPherson, Maxey, Morgan, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Teller to amend the bill by striking out in line 7, section 2, the word "twenty," and inserting *ten*,

On motion by Mr. Windom that the amendment lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 25 / Nays..... 26

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bayard, Beck, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Dawes, Eaton, Garland, Harris, Hoar, Ingalls, Kernan, Kirkwood, McCreery, McMillan, Matthews, Merrimon, Morrill, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Saunders, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Blaine, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Chaffee, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Eustis, Gordon, Hereford, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Lamar, McDonald, McPherson, Maxey, Mitchell, Morgan, Ransom, Sargent, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Teller having withdrawn his proposed amendment, and the bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Windom, was reported to the Senate; and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The bill (H. R. 3822) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Withers, at 5 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1878.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of State, communicating the translation of a note from Baron Blanc, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary from the Kingdom of Italy, expressing the gratification of his sovereign with the participation of the various branches of this government in the obsequies of the late King Victor Emanuel II.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Kirkwood presented a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying the passage of a law for the equalization of bounties; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Whyte presented a resolution of the legislature of Maryland, in favor of the passage of a law granting pensions to the soldiers of the Mexican war; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the legislature of California, in favor of the abolition of the duty on imported grain-bags, burlaps, gunny-bags and gunny-cloth, or its reduction to fifteen per cent. ad valorem; which was referred to the Committeee on Finance.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the legislature of California, remonstrating against any change in the present rates of duty on imported wines; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the legislature of California, in favor of the passage of a law reserving the fresh waters upon the public lands for the free and common use of the inhabitants of the State or Territory where the same are situated; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Withers presented a resolution of the legislature of Virginia, in favor of the repeal of the law imposing a ten-per-cent. tax on State bonds; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wallace presented the petition of Mary Lavallette, widow of the late Admiral E. A. F. Lavallette, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Wallace presented a resolution of the legislature of Pennsylvania, in favor of an amendment to the pension laws, extending the time of limitation for obtaining arrears of pensions to July 4, 1880; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Whyte presented the petition of Jacob Brandt, jr., praying to have his claim for balance alleged to be due him on account of the loss of the steamer Pocahontas while in the service of the United States, referred to the Court of Claims for adjudication; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Howe presented a petition of citizens of Wisconsin, praying an amendment to the homestead laws so as to allow any honorably discharged soldier to make selection, for himself or by agent, of 160 acres of public land upon the payment of $200, and cause ten dollars' worth of improvements to be made each year for a term of five years; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Matthews presented a petition of citizens of Ohio, praying the passage of a law imposing a duty of thirty cents per pound upon all stereotype and electrotype plates imported into the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of Georgine Thomas, widow of the late General Charles Thomas, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Memorials, praying the passage of a law providing for granting aid in the way of compensation for carrying the mails, for ocean-steamship service between the United States and foreign countries, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Wallace: A memorial of the Board of Trade of Philadelphia, and a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Saunders: A memorial of citizens of Nebraska.

By Mr. Matthews: A memorial of the Board of Trade of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Petitions, praying the passage of a law providing that the proceeds of the sales of the public lands be turned over to the properly constituted authorities of the several Southern States for educational purposes, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Burnside: A petition of citizens of the United States.

By Mr. Butler: Twenty-one petitions of citizens of South Carolina.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

Petitions, praying the passage of a law extending the time for the payment of the internal-revenue tax upon spirits in bond, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Kernan: A petition of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Dawes: A petition of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Beck: A petition of citizens of Kentucky.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Howe presented a petition of the First Congregational Church to Clinton, Wisconsin, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Merrimon presented a petition of citizens of New Berne, North Carolina, and a memorial of citizens of Goldsborough, North Carolina, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Neuse River, in that State; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Matthews presented a petition of citizens of Ohio, in behalf of Mrs. Emily Stanley, praying that she be allowed compensation for services rendered the United States during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Burnside presented a petition of Mrs. Isaac P. Rodman, Mrs. John S. Slocum, and others, praying to be allowed an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Memorials, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Burnside: Two memorials of citizens of Rhode Island.

By Mr. Dawes: A memorial of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Wallace: A memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a memorial of the city council of Cairo, Illinois, in favor of an appropriation for the construction of works for the permanent improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Memorials, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Conkling: A memorial of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Eaton: A memorial of citizens of Connecticut.

By Mr. Beck: A memorial of citizens of Kentucky.

By Mr. Morrill: A memorial of citizens of Vermont.

By Mr. Wallace: Five memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dorsey presented a letter of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, relative to the bill (S. 600) in relation to the assessments for special improvements in said District, and suggesting certain amendments thereto.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Conkling presented a petition of citizens of the United States, praying an amendment to postal laws so as to allow the transmission of microscopical slides and lenses through the mails; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Conkling presented a petition of McKinney and Phelps, praying the passage of a law for the redemption of the three-cent silver piece; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on imports, and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of the Board of Trade of Philadelphia and a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any change in the tariff duties on imports; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sargent presented a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco, remonstrating against the passage of the bill to stop the further coinage of the trade-dollar; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Davis, of West Virginia, presented a memorial of Rufus Maxwell, suggesting certain reforms in regard to the gold, silver, and greenback currency of the government, and the manner of the liquidation of public and private indebtedness; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that on the 23d instant they presented to the President of the United States an enrolled bill (S. 611) to extend the charter of the Franklin Insurance Company of the city of Washington.

Mr. Windom, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3064) making appropriations for the consular and diplomatic service of the government for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Dorsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 600) in relation to certificates of assessment for special improvements in the District of Columbia, reported it with amendment.

Mr. Eustis, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3712) to provide for the erection of a public building in the city of Kansas, in the State of Missouri, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Dawes, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the bill (S. 180) to provide for a building for the use of the post-office, the United States circuit and district courts, and other government offices at Topeka, Kansas, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 694) to incorporate the National Security Life-Insurance Company of Washington, District of Columbia, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and,

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Rollins, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 349) to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund a tax erroneously collected, reported the same with a recommendation that the Senate agree thereto.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 974) to confirm to the city of Chicago, Illinois, the title to certain grounds, and that it be referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Windom: A bill (S. 981) for the relief of Howell H. Trask; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Rollins: A bill (S. 982) for the relief of the late George Plunkett; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Howe: A bill (S. 983) for the relief of such members of the Menomonee tribe of Indians as may desire to become citizens of the United States; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Kirkwood: A bill (S. 984) for the relief of William H. Merritt; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Barnum: A bill (S. 985) to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to audit certain claims against the District, and for funding the same; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Wallace: A bill (S. 986) for the relief of William S. Morris, William S. Mann, Charles A. Oakman, George W. Hillman, the Union Transfer Company, all of Philadelphia, the Union Transfer Company of Baltimore, Maryland, and John R. Graham, late of Philadelphia, now of Washington, District of Columbia; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 987) granting a pension to Alfred Richardson; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Booth: A bill (S. 988) to reserve the waters of all lakes, rivers, and streams upon the public lands from sale, and to dedicate the same to the common use of the inhabitants; and

A bill (S. 989) for the relief of certain settlers on the public lands, and to provide for the repayment of certain fees and commissions paid on void entries of public lands; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Bailey: A bill (S. 990) for the relief of the estate of Thomas Jones, deceased; to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. McMillan submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to deliver to the Commissioners of Claims five copies of the second volume of the reports of said commissioners upon disallowed claims; said copies to be for the use of said commissioners at their office.

Mr. Sargent submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be directed to detail some suitable person, now employed about the Capitol, to assist the superintendent of the folding-room in getting books and documents and attending to such other duty as said superintendent shall direct.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 3721) and the enrolled joint resolution (S. 21) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. King, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the bill of the Senate (S. 528) to authorize the Worthington and Sioux Falls Railroad Company to extend its road into the Territory of Dakota to the village of Sioux Falls.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 97. An act granting a pension to William A. Miller.

H. R. 127. An act for the relief of Daniel Compton, of Troy, Bradford County, Pennsylvania.

H. R. 300. An act for the relief of Dudley A. Fish, of Bucyrus, Ohio.

H. R. 387. An act for the relief of William Truett, late of Company H, Fifth Tennessee Cavalry, United States Volunteers.

H. R. 439. An act granting a pension to Jonathan R. Tilman.

H. R. 503. An act granting a pension to Daniel Clary.

H. R. 522. An act granting a pension to James B. Gillespie, late captain Company I, One hundred and twentieth Regiment Illinois Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 524. An act granting a pension to Lemuel L. Lawrence, late second lieutenant Company B, in the Sixth Regiment Illinois Cavalry Volunteers.

H. R. 531. An act restoring the name of Thomas W. Brown to the pension-roll.

H. R. 671. An act for the relief of the heirs of David G. Burnett.

H. R. 710. An act granting a pension to Jane D. Cotton.

H. R. 849. An act for the relief of Abraham Alstead, late a second lieutenant of Company A, of the Fifty-fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers.

H. R. 1044. An act granting a pension to A. M. Tinsley, of Trousdale County, Tennessee, late of the First Regiment Tennessee Volunteers in the Mexican war.

H. R. 1055. An act granting a pension to Samuel B. Robertson.

H. R. 1625. An act granting a pension to Abram V. Miller, late a lieutenant in Company E, of the One hundred and eighty-fourth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers.

H. R. 1809. An act granting a pension to William H. Shultis, late of Company K, Fourteenth Regiment New York Volunteers.

H. R. 1962. An act for the relief of Jane Clark, Margaret A. Jack, Justina Peterson, and Mary Johnson.

H. R. 1975. An act to amend an act granting a pension to William Hafford, of South Yarmouth, Massachusetts, approved May eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

H. R. 2028. An act granting a pension to Isabella Cassidy.

H. R. 2173. An act granting a pension to Edwin F. Lewis, late acting second assistant engineer, United States Navy.

H. R. 2519. An act for the relief of Mrs. Julia H. Totten, widow of James Totten, late lieutenant-colonel and assistant inspector-general, United States Army.

H. R. 3105. An act granting a pension to Ruth Isabelle Naylor, widow of Captain Charles Naylor, of the Second Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Mexican war.

H. R. 3106. An act granting a pension to Daniel W. Martin, a private in Company A, Fifty-seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteers.

H. R. 3107. An act granting a pension to Louisa J. Guthrie and others.

H. R. 3108. An act granting a pension to Hugh B. Makin, late private of Company A, Eighth Regiment United States Volunteers.

H. R. 3110. An act granting a pension to Mary McNamara.

H. R. 3111. An act granting a pension to Julia Watkins, widow of Thomas H. Watkins, late Captain Company B, Purnell Legion, Maryland.

H. R. 3112. An act granting a pension to Henrietta Stringham, widow of Rear-Admiral Silas H. Stringham, deceased.

H. R. 3113. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Emily H. Lyford.

H. R. 3114. An act providing for an increase of pension to Charles H. Day.

H. R. 3115. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth J. Totten, widow of the late Commodore Benjamin J. Totten, United States Navy.

H. R. 3116. An act granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Maria B. Craig.

H. R. 3117. An act granting a pension to Susan L. Watson, widow of Adolphus E. Watson, late pay-director in the naval service of the United States.

H. R. 3118. An act granting a pension to Samuel L. Paine, late a private in Company D, Ninth Regiment of Maine Volunteers.

H. R. 3119. An act for the relief of John I. Thomas.

H. R. 3120. An act for the relief of Elizabeth B. Custer.

H. R. 3121. An act for the relief of Numis H. Coverdale.

H. R. 3283. An act for the relief of Andrew J. Worth.

H. R. 3284. An act for the relief of James Johnson, late collector of the port of Savannah.

The bills last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 97, H. R. 127, H. R. 300, H. R. 387, H. R. 439, H. R. 503, H. R. 522, H. R. 524, H. R. 531, H. R. 710, H. R. 849, H. R. 1044, H. R. 1055, H. R. 1625, H. R. 1809, H. R. 1975, H. R. 2028, H. R. 2173, H. R. 2519, H. R. 3105, H. R. 3106, H. R. 3107, H. R. 3108, H. R. 3110, H. R. 3111, H. R. 3112, H. R. 3113, H. R. 3114, H. R. 3115, H. R. 3116, H. R. 3117, and H. R. 3118, be referred to the Committee on Pensions; that the bills H. R. 671, H. R. 3119, H. R. 3120, and H. R. 3284, be referred to the Committee on Claims; that the bill H. R. 1962 be referred to the Committee on Public Lands; that the bill H. R. 3121 be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs; and that the bill H. R. 3283 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they this day presented to the President of the United States the joint resolution (S. 21) filling an existing vacancy in the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

On motion by Mr. Hoar,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 501) for the relief of John C. Birdsell; and,

On motion by Mr. Hoar,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Patents.

On motion by Mr. Rollins,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 2371) to amend an act entitled "An act for the support of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for other purposes;" and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Rollins, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill, as amended, was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3846) to provide for a deficiency in the miscellaneous fund of the House of Representatives; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Appropriations having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill, as amended, was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act to provide for deficiencies in the miscellaneous fund of the Senate and of the House of Representatives."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That a special joint committee, of six Representatives and three Senators, be appointed to meet the body of Hon. John Edwards Leonard, late a Representative of Louisiana, upon its arrival at New York, and escort it to the place of interment, at West Chester, Pennsylvania.

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House has appointed Mr. Ellis, of Louisiana, Mr. Muller, of New York, Mr. Turner, of Kentucky, Mr. Stewart, of Minnesota, Mr. Calkins, of Indiana, and Mr. Ward, of Pennsylvania, members of the said committee on its part.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 20th instant, calling for information relative to the employment of W. R. Whittaker in the internal-revenue service, or as assistant treasurer in New Orleans; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed till to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Commitee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; and,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Coke, at 5 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1878.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden:

To the Senate of the United States:

In further answer to the resolution of the Senate of December 7, 1877, as to the cost of the Sioux war, I transmit copies of additional reports on the subject received from the Military Division of the Missouri.

R. B. HAYES.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
March 25, 1878.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Kernan presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the

passage of a law extending the time for the payment of internal-revenue taxes on spirits in bond.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Oglesby presented a petition of citizens of Illinois, praying the repeal of the law providing for the resumption of specie payments; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Bailey presented papers in relation to the claim of T. A. Kendig for compensation for transporting the United States mails on routes 8108 and 8109 in Louisiana, during the year 1867; which were referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. McPherson presented a resolution of the Board of Freeholders of Hudson County, New Jersey, in favor of making Jersey City, in that State, a port of entry; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Kernan presented a memorial of the Bar Association of New York, praying the passage of a law for the appointment of two additional circuit judges in the second circuit; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ferry presented the petition of citizens of Michigan, praying the passage of the bill to establish a board of fish commissioners to regulate and protect the fisheries of the great lakes.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Bayard presented a memorial of citizens of Delaware, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Voorhees presented a petition of citizens of Iowa, praying the recognition of their claims for pension who are, as they allege, sufferers by the limitations of an unwise pension law; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of Edmund Woog, late of Company C, Sixty-eighth Regiment New York Volunteers, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Thurman presented a resolution of the Ohio State Grange, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on imported wools or woolen goods; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sargent presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying an amendment to the Constitution granting to women the right of suffrage; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Blaine presented a memorial of Nesmith and Sons, of New York, and Abner Stetson, of Maine, owners of the ship Alleghanian, praying to be indemnified out of the Geneva awards for the loss of said ship, sunk by the rebel gunboat Patrick Henry in 1862; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Thurman presented a resolution of the Board of Trade of Cleveland, Ohio, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. McMillan presented a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of Saint Paul, Minnesota, in favor of an amendment to the bill providing for the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi River, so as to extend the improvement to Saint Paul, the head of navigation of said river; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting a copy of a communication from the Board on Army Cooking, recommending the repeal or amendment of section 1233 of the Revised Statutes so as to give company commanders a larger discretion

in the detail of company cooks; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of Albert T. Lavallette, executor of the estate of the late Rear-Admiral E. A. F. Lavallette, United States Navy, praying compensation for the use, occupancy, and damages to certain property in Memphis, Tennessee, belonging to said decedent, by United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Sargent presented two memorials of citizens of California, praying such legislation as will enable them to purchase the open timberlands upon the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and also relieve them from further prosecutions, either civil or criminal, for alleged trespass upon the public lands; which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of insurance companies, merchants, and others, of Philadelphia, praying for the restoration of the mission to the United States of Colombia; of the petition of Philip and Thomas Collins, of Pennsylvania, praying for the restoration of diplomatic relations with Bolivia; of the memorial of the Boylston Insurance Company, praying for the re-establishment of a legation at Bogota, and the appointment of a representative thereat; and the memorial of insurance companies, merchants, and others, of New York, praying for the restoration of the diplomatic mission to Colombia.

On motion by Mr. Blaine,

Ordered, That the message of the President of the United States in relation to the appointment of a third commissioner under the twenty-third article of the treaty of Washington, on the question of the fisheries, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin,

Ordered, That the petition of David T. Corbin, praying that his right to a seat in the Senate may be inquired into and determined, be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 644) for the relief of Dwight W. Hakes, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 186) thereon.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 713) for the relief of Martin Clark, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 187) thereon.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 801) to amend section 2403 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, in relation to deposits for surveys, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 188) thereon.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 859) for the relief of Charles L. Davenport, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 189) thereon.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 260) for the relief of H. A. Myers, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 191) thereon.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 334) for the relief of William Bowlin, late of Company L, Second Arkansas Cavalry, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 192) thereon.

Mr. Wallace, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 55) for the relief of John W. Douglass, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 194) thereon.

States Army, reported it without amendment, and submitted an
e report (No. 185) thereon.
Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was re-
the bill (S. 161) for the relief of Charles W. Biese, reported it
t amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 195) thereon.
Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was re-
the bill (S. 604) for the relief of John Bowles, reported it without
ment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 196) thereon.
Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was
d the bill (S. 741) for the relief of Christopher H. McNally, re-
it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No.
ereon.
Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said
. 454, S. 281, S. 161, S. 604, S. 741) as in Committee of the Whole;
amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.
red, That they be postponed indefinitely.
Christiancy, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was
d the bill (S. 35) to repeal the bankrupt law, reported it with
ments.
Bayard, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred
int resolution (H. R. 133) to prescribe the time for the payment
tax on distilled spirits, and for other purposes, reported it with-
endment.
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ve having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and
l times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:
Mr. Oglesby: A bill (S. 991) to legalize a suit now pending in the
ne court of the District of Columbia between the Eastern and

By Mr. Bailey: A bill (S. 995) for the relief of T. A. Kendig; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 996) granting a pension to Edmund Woog; to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Davis, of West Virginia, submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Whereas on the 18th day of February, 1871, the Secretary of the Treasury, in obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives adopted December 13, 1870, made a statement (Ex. Doc. 140, 3d sess. 41st Cong.) showing balances due from collectors of internal revenue who were out of office on the 30th day of June, 1870, from which it appears there was due on that day from collectors not in office the sum of $20,700,983.33: Therefore,

Be it resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to report to the Senate what amount or portion of this sum has been since collected and paid into the Treasury; what amount, if any, has been settled by compromise, and the facts touching each compromise made, by whom recommended, and the amount realized; what amount or portion of said sum of $20,700,983.33 remains unpaid, and if any balance is still due what steps have been taken to enforce payment of the same; also, to report the amounts due by internal-revenue collectors on the 1st day of July, 1875, and how much, if any, of such amounts remain unpaid.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives providing for the appointment of a committee to meet the body of Hon. John Edwards Leonard, upon its arrival at New York, and escort it to the place of interment; and,

On motion by Mr. Eustis,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto, and that the members of the committee on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Vice-President.

On motion by Mr. Coke,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 104) amending section 1661, title 16 (the Militia), of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and,

On motion by Mr. Coke,

Ordered, That the bill be postponed to, and made the special order for, Monday next at one o'clock, two-thirds of the Senators present agreeing thereto.

On motion by Mr. Plumb,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 901) to authorize the Secretary of War to relinquish certain portions of the United States military reservation of Fort Fetterman, Wyoming Territory; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Kirkwood,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 659) for the relief of Josiah H. Pillsbury; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary;

Mr. President: The President of the United States yesterday approved and signed a joint resolution (S. 21) filling an existing vacancy on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; and

He this day approved and signed an act (S. 611) to extend the charter of the Franklin Insurance Company of the City of Washington.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives hereof.

On motion by Mr. Oglesby,

Ordered, That there be printed, for the use of the Senate, the testimony taken before the Committee on Public Lands, having under consideration the memorial of William McGarrahan for relief.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (S. 528) and an enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 33), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bill and joint resolution:

S. 528. An act to authorize the Worthington and Sioux Falls Railroad Company to extend its road into the Territory of Dakota to the village of Sioux Falls.

H. R. 133. Joint resolution to prescribe the time for the payment of the tax on distilled spirits and for other purposes.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled bill (S. 528) and the enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 133) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, and amendment of said first-named act; and,

On motion by Mr. Thurman, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary be treated as the original bill, and as such subject to amendment.

After debate,

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Matthews,

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Whyte, at 5 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m., the Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1878.

Mr. Withers presented a resolution of the legislature of Virginia, accepting and approving the award of the commission for settling the boundary-line between Virginia and Maryland.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Memorials, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Hamlin: A memorial of the citizens of Maine.

By Mr. Hoar: A memorial of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Beck: A memorial of citizens of Kentucky.

By Mr. Conkling: A memorial of citizens of New York.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Ferry: A memorial of citizens of Michigan.

By Mr. Hoar: A memorial of citizens of Massachusetts.

By Mr. Matthews: A memorial of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Conkling: A memorial of citizens of New York.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying certain amendments to the bankrupt law.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Booth presented a petition of citizens of Kansas, in behalf of Alexander McDonald, praying such legislation as will secure to him title to certain lands in that State, purchased by him from certain railroad companies, in what are known as the Osage ceded lands; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the reduction of duties on foreign imports, and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Thurman presented the petition of George R. Herrick, praying to have refunded him the amount paid by him under order of the board of police on account of robbery of the safe while acting as property-clerk of the Metropolitan Police of the District of Columbia; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the report of Spencer F. Baird, Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries, for 1876 and 1877.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 342) for the relief of Phœbe Henrietta Groesbeck, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 197) thereon.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 471) for the relief of M. S. Draughn, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 198) thereon.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1224) for the relief of Will R. Hervey, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 199) thereon.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 378) for the relief or William L. Hickam, of Missouri, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 200) thereon.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3068) for the allowance of certain claims, reported by the

accounting-officers of the Treasury Department, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 246) to correct commencement of renewal of pension of Anna Brasel, widow of David Brasel, sergeant in Captain Gordon's Company, Colonel Neal's Regiment, Illinois Mounted Volunteers, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 205) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Hereford, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of W. L. Adams, collector of customs for the district of Oregon, praying to be relieved from liability on account of money stolen from him while being transported to San Francisco, submitted a report (No. 201) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 997) for the relief of William L. Adams; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of George R. Dennis, of Maryland, praying compensation for damages to his schooner William J. Dennis by the government steamer General Meigs, submitted a report (No. 202) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 998) for the relief of George R. Dennis, of Maryland; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Eliza E. Hebert, praying compensation for property taken by United States troops during the late rebellion, submitted a report (No. 203) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 999) for the relief of Eliza E. Hebert; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Teller, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of George M. Hazen, praying for relief, submitted a report (No. 204) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1000) for the relief of George M. Hazen; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Windom, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 142) making an appropriation for filling up, draining, and placing in good sanitary condition the grounds south of the Capitol, along the line of the old canal, and for other purposes, reported it with an amendment.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 1001) extending the jurisdiction of the circuit court of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Kernan: A bill (S. 1002) granting pensions to Indians who were in the service of the United States in the war of 1812, as scouts, guides, or warriors; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Maxey: A bill (S. 1003) to establish an educational fund and apply a portion of the proceeds of the public lands to public education, and to provide for the more complete endowment and support of national colleges for the advancement of scientific and industrial education; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. Conkling: A bill (S. 1004) appropriating moneys for improvement of Harlem River between Randal.'s Island and Hudson River; to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That there be printed five thousand extra copies of the report of the Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries for the year 1876-'77, of which one thousand five hundred shall be for the use of the Senate, two thousand five hundred for the use of the House of Representatives, and one thousand copies for the use of the Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the copies of the charters and constitutions heretofore ordered to be printed by the Senate be bound.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Merrimon submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War communicate to the Senate all such information as may be in the War Office in relation to when the government took possession of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad; how long the government had possession of the same; what rates of fare and freights it established, and what were the gross receipts of money received on account of freights and fares from the 1st day of May, A. D. 1865, to the 26th of October, A. D. 1865.

Mr. Conover submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to pay out of the contingent fund of the Senate the necessary expenses of the committee of the Senate appointed to attend the funeral of the late Hon. John E. Leonard, the vouchers to be approved by the chairman of the committee.

On motion by Mr. Hoar,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Kellogg January 15, 1878, to pay John Ray and William L. McMillen compensation and mileage as Senators from Louisiana; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Privileges and Elections having been agreed to,

On the question to agree to the resolution as amended as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be, and he is hereby, directed to pay out of the contingent fund of the Senate the sum of one thousand dollars each to John Ray and William L. McMillen, as full compensation for their expenses as contestants for a seat in the Senate for the unexpired term of William P. Kellogg in 1873,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 51 / Nays 7

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Conkling, Conover, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hamlin, Hereford, Hill, Hoar, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McCreery, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Randolph, Rollins, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Cockrell, Coke, Eaton, McDonald, Sargent, Wallace, Whyte.

So the resolution was agreed to.

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Eustis, Mr. Saunders, and Mr. Conover members of the committee on the part of the Senate to meet the body of Hon. John Edwards Leonard upon its arrival at New York and escort it to the place of interment.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 349) to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund a certain tax erroneously collected, and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the bill of the Senate (S. 648) to constitute a commission to consider and report a plan for providing enlarged accommodations for the Library of Congress.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 2371) to amend an act entitled "An act for the support of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for other purposes."

The House of Representatives has passed the following resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (*the Senate concurring*), That there be printed three hundred thousand copies of the report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for 1877, two hundred and twenty-four thousand copies for the use of the House of Representatives, fifty-six thousand copies for the use of the Senate, and twenty thousand copies for the use of the Department of Agriculture: *Provided, however*, That the number of pages of said report shall not exceed five hundred.

Resolved by the House of Representatives (*the Senate concurring*), That there be printed twenty-five thousand copies of the report upon Forestry, transmitted by the President to Congress from the Commissioner of Agriculture on the 13th day of December last, fifteen thousand copies thereof for the use of the House of Representatives, seventy-five hundred for the Senate, and twenty-five hundred for the Commissioner of Agriculture: *Provided, however*, That the total number of pages of said report shall not exceed six hundred and fifty.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3064) making appropriations for the consular and diplomatic service of the government for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Appropriations having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Sargent, was reported to the Senate, and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; and,

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Matthews,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds, at 5 o'clock and 21 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1878.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In answer to the Senate's resolution of the 14th ultimo, requesting to be furnished with a copy of correspondence between the Government of the United States and that of China respecting the "Ward" claims and the claim of Charles E. Hill, I herewith submit a letter from the Secretary of State together with its accompanying papers.

R. B. HAYES.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *March* 27, 1878.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Thurman presented papers in relation to the claim of Thomas Worthington, of Ohio, for payment of balance claimed to be due him for supplying water to the United States troops at Camp Dennison, Ohio, during the late civil war; which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. McPherson presented a resolution of the legislature of New Jersey, in favor of the passage of a law for the ascertaining of the balance due to the subscribers to the Centennial Board of Finance, and making an appropriation for the payment of the same from the Treasury of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McPherson presented four petitions of citizens of New Jersey, praying the appointment of a commission to investigate the traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. McPherson presented a memorial of the New Jersey Microscopical Society, praying an amendment to the postal law so as to allow the transmission of microscopical slides through the United States mails; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Oglesby presented a memorial of citizens of Illinois, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McMillan presented a resolution of the legislature of Minnesota, in favor of the passage of a law granting lands to the Territory of Dakota to aid in the construction of a railroad from Bismarck and Fort Lincoln to the Black Hills; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Thurman presented a memorial of T. Worthington, late colonel of the Fourth Regiment Ohio Volunteers, in relation to the proceedings

of a court-martial by which he was dismissed from the service, and praying the passage of a law for his relief; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Edmunds presented a petition of citizens of Vermont, praying the passage of a law for the equalization of bounties; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Thurman presented a memorial of citizens of Ohio, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Windom presented the petition of Basil Moreland, of Blue Earth County, Minnesota, praying compensation for losses and damages sustained by reason of his eviction and ejectment from certain lands in that State upon which he had settled as a pre-emptor, and which were afterward ceded by treaty to the Winnebago Indians; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Withers presented the petition of Mrs. Susan Nussear, mother of Edward C. Nussear, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

Ordered, That the petitions praying the introduction of the metric system of weights and measures, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Allison,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of John S. Logan, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

Ordered, That fifty copies of the argument in relation to the claim of Chauncey M. Lockwood be printed for the use of the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Teller, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 927) to authorize the construction of a narrow-gauge railroad from Bismarck to the Black Hills, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 767) authorizing the Secretary of War to allow the interment in the national cemetery at New Berne, in the State of North Carolina, of the remains of the late R. F. Lehman, lately a commissioner of the United States circuit court in the eastern district of North Carolina, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States has informed the House of Representatives that he approved and signed, on the 22d instant, the following acts:

H. R. 305. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Rebecca C. Maxwell, widow of the late Colonel O. C. Maxwell, One hundred and ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

H. R. 2584. An act granting a pension to Margaret R. Colony, widow of the late Major Josiah B. Colony, First Maryland Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 3104. An act granting a pension to Kate Louise Roy, widow of J. P. Roy, late lieutenant-colonel United States Army; and

He approved and signed, on the 23d instant, the following acts:

H. R. 2686. An act making appropriations for fortifications and for other works of defense, and for the armament thereof, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

H. R. 2887. An act to authorize the granting of an American register to a foreign-built ship for the purpose of the Woodruff Scientific Expedition around the World; and

He approved and signed, on the 26th instant, an act (H. R. 3721) to remove the political disabilities of Robert H. Chilton; and

He this day approved and signed a joint resolution (H. R. 133) to prescribe the time for the payment of the tax on distilled spirits, and for other purposes.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that on the 27th instant they presented to the President of the United States the enrolled bill (S. 528) to authorize the Washington and Sioux Falls Railroad Company to extend its road into the Territory of Dakota to the village of Sioux Falls.

Mr. Ferry, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 536) for the relief of W. C. Snyder, of Illinois, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 206) thereon.

Mr. Ferry, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2291) for the relief of Thomas W. Collier, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 207) thereon.

Mr. Teller, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 655) to incorporate the National Pacific Railroad and Telegraph Company, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2884) for the relief of Samuel H. Canfield, postmaster at Seymour, Connecticut, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 208) thereon.

Mr. Ferry, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 3987) to regulate the advertising of mail-lettings, reported it with amendments.

On motion by Mr. Christiancy,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 141) to amend an act entitled "An act to amend and supplement an act entitled 'An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States,' approved March 2, 1867, and for other purposes," approved June 22, 1874.

On motion by Mr. Christiancy,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of sundry petitions relating to the repeal of the bankrupt act.

On motion by Mr. Saulsbury,

Ordered, That the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of N. Kuyken dall praying compensation for extra service for carrying the mail.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Kernan: A bill (S. 1005) for the relief of Patrick H. Jones; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Wallace: A bill (S. 1006) declaratory of the meaning of the

amendment to the bankrupt act approved June 22, 1874; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 1007) granting a pension to Walter S. Handley; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Edmunds: A bill (S. 1008) to provide for the survey of the private land-claim in Arizona called the rancho of "El Paso de los Algordones"; to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

By Mr. Oglesby: A bill (S. 1009) for the relief of Peter Phillips; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Eaton: A bill (S. 1010) to allow American registry to foreign-built vessels; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Windom: A bill (S. 1011) for the relief of Basil Moreland; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Rollins: A bill (S. 1012) authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to abate a certain tax erroneously assessed; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Withers: A bill (S. 1013) granting a pension to Mrs. Susan Nusbear; to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Lamar submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, instructed to transmit to the Senate copies of the report of a board of engineers on the preservation of the water-front at Vicksburg, Mississippi, and of the letter of the Chief of Engineers submitting the same, with the maps and estimates in relation thereto which have been prepared by said board.

The resolution to print the Report upon Forestry, and the resolution to print the report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for 1877, yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, were read and referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion by Mr. Kirkwood,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 221) granting a pension of fifty dollars a month to Mary Kirby Smith Eaton during her widowhood; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Pensions having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act granting a pension to Mary Kirby Eaton Smith during her widowhood."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Wallace,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 547) granting a pension to Caroline M. Egbert; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Ingalls, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Paddock,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 373) to amend an act to provide for the sale of a portion of the

reservation of the Confederated Otoe and Missouria and the Sac and Fox of the Missouri tribes of Indians in the States of Kansas and Nebraska; and,

On motion by Mr. Paddock to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and in lieu thereof inserting certain words,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Paddock,

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

The amendment as amended having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 600) in relation to certificates of assessment for special improvements in the District of Columbia; and,

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 76. A bill granting a pension to Mary Ann McFarland.

S. 687. A bill granting a pension to William H. Bagley.

S. 712. A bill granting a pension to William Loudon.

S. 929. A bill granting a pension to Hiram Howard.

S. 930. A bill granting a pension to Mary B. Marsh.

S. 931. A bill granting a pension to James Shields.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

H. R. 142. An act granting a pension to George McCoy.

H. R. 436. An act granting a pension to Adam Stinson.

H. R. 467. An act restoring the name of Thomas Crawford, a soldier of the Mexican war, to the pension-roll.

H. R. 1948. An act granting a pension to Bridget T. Hopper.

H. R. 2516. An act granting a pension to Fannie E. Records, widow of Albert B. Records, late a private in Company G, Fifteenth Regiment of Maine Volunteers.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired,

and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Matthews,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Allison, at 4 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1878.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the petition of Mrs. Mary F. McKeever, widow of the late Commodore Isaac McKeever, United States Navy, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Johnston presented the petition of H. A. Edmunston, of Virginia, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Harris presented the petition of Mrs. Lizzie Baleran, of Memphis, Tennessee, praying compensation for the use of certain mules used by the quartermaster, United States Army, in the Black Hills expedition; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Bailey presented the petition of G. G. Williamson, of Tennessee, praying compensation for certain property taken and used by United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Bailey presented a petition of citizens of Tennessee, praying the establishment of a post-road from Leeville to Smyrna, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Kernan presented a memorial of the Providence Tool Company, remonstrating against the passage of the bill (S. 300) to amend the Revised Statutes in relation to patents.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Harris presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce, Cotton Exchange, and citizens of Memphis, Tennessee, in favor of the passage of a law granting aid in the construction of a southern transcontinental railway to the Pacific Ocean, and fixing its eastern terminus at Memphis, Tennessee; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Garland presented a petition of citizens of Arkansas, praying the establishment of a post-road from Traskwood to Whittington, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Bailey presented the petition of George W. Saulpau, of Tennessee, praying compensation for the use of the steamboat Alfred Robb, seized and used by the United States authorities during the late war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Wallace presented the petition of Mary Ann Jones, praying an

extension of letters patent upon the invention of her brother, Alfred C. Jones, for an improved pipe-coupling; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Oglesby presented a resolution of the city council of Cairo, Illinois, in favor of the appointment of a commission to devise plans for the construction of works for the permanent improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Christiancy presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on imported wools; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Oglesby presented the petition of Ellen Devlin, widow of Patrick Devlin, deceased, late of Company C, Sixth Regiment United States Infantry, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. McCreery presented the petition of Ben Alsop, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Petitions, praying an amendment to the Constitution, prohibiting the several States from disfranchising citizens of the United States on account of sex, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Kirkwood: Three petitions of citizens of Iowa.
By Mr. Christiancy: A petition of citizens of Michigan.
By Mr. Ferry: Three petitions of citizens of Michigan.
By Mr. Wallace: Two petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania.
By Mr. Teller: Two petitions of citizens of Colorado.
By Mr. Eaton: A petition of citizens of Connecticut.
By Mr. Sargent: A petition of citizens of California.
By Mr. Dorsey: A petition of citizens of the District of Columbia.
By Mr. Howe: A petition of citizens of Wisconsin.
By Mr. Conkling: A petition of citizens of New York.
By Mr. McMillan: A petition of citizens of Minnesota.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Petitions, praying the removal of their political disabilities, and to be allowed the right of suffrage, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Ferry: A petition of Sarah C. Owen.
By Mr. Morrill: A petition of Mary L. Hubbard.
By Mr. Christiancy: A petition of Harriet J. Bowtell and others, of Michigan.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against any change in the rates of duty on imports, and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Butler presented a resolution of the city council of Charleston, South Carolina, in favor of the passage of a law providing for an effective system of quarantine along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any legislation affecting the duties on imports which is not based upon a thorough preliminary investigation of details; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Kernan: A memorial of the Board of Trade of Buffalo, New York, and a memorial of citizens of New York.

By Mr. McPherson: A memorial of citizens of New Jersey.

By Mr. Wadleigh: A memorial of citizens of New Hampshire.

By Mr. Conkling: A memorial of the Board of Trade of Buffalo, New York.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. McCreery presented the petition of William J. Marshall, executor of John G. Holloway, deceased, praying the passage of a law for the purchase of the Camp Chase, Ohio, burial lot, and make the same a national cemetery; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Ingalls presented a memorial of settlers on the Osage ceded land in Kansas, remonstrating against the passage of the bill for the relief of Alexander McDonald; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

Petitions, praying an amendment to the pension laws extending the time of limitation for obtaining arrears of pension to July 4, 1880, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Kernan: A petition of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Conkling: A petition of citizens of New York.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Wallace presented the petition of Edward S. Offley, late United States consul to Smyrna, Turkey, praying compensation for certain judicial services rendered by him while acting as such consul; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Petitions, praying the passage of a law for the equalization of bounties, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Allison: A petition of citizens of Iowa.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A petition of citizens of Wisconsin.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Resolutions, remonstrating against any change in the present tariff laws, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Wallace: A resolution of the legislature of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Morrill: A resolution of the Vermont, Addison County, Patrons of Husbandry.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Conkling: Two memorials of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Oglesby: A memorial of citizens of Illinois.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Butler presented a petition of certain seamen serving on the United States steamship Pawnee, at Port Royal, South Carolina, praying to be allowed an increase of pay and rates; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against any change in the navigation laws that will interfere with American commerce and ship-building; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of New York, praying the passage of a law providing for aid in the way of compensation to ocean mail-steamship lines for carrying the United States mails between this and foreign countries; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred

the bill (S. 238) to extend the time for the construction and completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and by a readjustment of the grants without increasing the appropriation, to secure the construction of the Portland, Salt Lake and South Pass Railroad, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 211) thereon.

Mr. Windom asked and obtained leave of the Senate to submit the views of the minority of the Committee on Railroads on the foregoing bill; which were ordered to be printed, to accompany the report (No. 211).

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 694) to incorporate the National Security Life-Insurance Company of Washington, District of Columbia, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 210) thereon.

Mr. Rollins, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1012) authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to abate a certain tax erroneously assessed, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Christiancy, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 242) in relation to the jurisdiction of district courts in the Territory of Utah in matters of divorce, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Eaton, from the Committee on Appropriations, who were instructed by a resolution of the Senate of 24th of January last to inquire into the affairs of the Freedmen's Hospital of the District of Columbia, and ascertain its condition and general management, submitted a report (No. 209) thereon.

Mr. Booth, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the petition of George W. Hunt, administrator of the estate of Walter Hunt, deceased, praying extension of reissue No. 5109 of letters patent for improvement in shirt-collars, submitted an adverse report (No. 212) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Christiancy, from the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, reported a bill (S. 1014) requiring the commissioner preparing and publishing a new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States to revise and perfect the index to the volume of the same; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

Ordered, That the report of the special commission on railway mail transportation be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Windom: A bill (S. 1015) extending the time to construct and complete the Northern Pacific Railroad; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A bill (S. 1016) to provide for the distribution of the awards made under the convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico, concluded on the 4th day of July, 1868; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ic lands; to the Committee on Public Lands.
'. Harris: A bill (S. 1022) limiting the time within which claims prosecuted against and suits brought by the United States; to mittee on the Judiciary.
'. Harris: A bill (S. 1023) to remove the political disabilities of Moore; to the Committee on the Judiciary.
'. McPherson: A bill (S. 1024) to correct the revision of the the United States; to the Committee on the Revision of the

'. Wallace: A bill (S. 1025) for the payment of compensation to Offley, late consul to Smyrna, Turkey, for judicial services l; to the Committee on Commerce.
'. McCreery: A bill (S. 1026) granting a pension to Ben Alsop; ommittee on Pensions.
'. Ingalls: A bill (S. 1027) to levy a tax on the sale of spirituous t liquors in bar-rooms and all places where intoxicants are sold in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District ıbia.
'. Matthews: A bill (S. 1028) declaratory of the law relating to and inheritance in the District of Columbia; to the Committee District of Columbia.
dmunds obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 22) pro- or a place of deposit for the records and proceedings of the com- appointed under the act entitled "An act to provide for and the counting of votes for President and Vice-President, and sion of questions arising thereon, for the term commencing March anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-seven," approved 29, 1877; which was read the first and second times, by unani- nsent.
Edmunds submitted the following resolution; which was con- by unanimous consent, and agreed to:
ed, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he hereby is, di- o report to the Senate the number of vacancies existing in the tablishment above the grade of captain, with the date when such s occurred; and whether examinations for promotions to such

Mr. Conkling submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire for what purposes the post-office building in the city of New York may lawfully be used, and whether any occupation of said building exists or is proposed not authorized; and, meanwhile, the Secretary of the Treasury is requested to take no action in regard to the occupation of said building until said committee shall report.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 3846) to provide a deficiency in the miscellaneous fund of the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 1189. An act to extend the time one year for presenting the claims of Dakota volunteer forces, as examined and reported upon by General Hardie, under the special act of Congress approved February 20, 1874, to the proper accounting-officers for approval and payment.

H. R. 2401. An act to authorize the claimants to certain lands in Santa Barbara County, California, to submit their claims to the United States district court for that State for adjudication.

H. R. 2931. An act to remove the political disabilities of Henry G. Thomas, of Virginia.

H. R. 3314. An act to remove the political disabilities of John T. Mason, of Maryland.

H. R. 3548. An act making appropriations for the payment of claims reported allowed by the Commissioners of Claims, under the act of Congress of March 3, 1871.

H. R. 3610. An act to remove the political disabilities of W. B. Sinclair, of Virginia.

H. R. 3612. An act to remove the political disabilities of R. L. Page, of Virginia.

H. R. 3667. An act to remove the political disabilities of Philip Stockton, of Texas.

H. R. 3739. An act to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious diseases into the United States.

H. R. 3898. An act to remove the political disabilities of Oscar F. Johnston, of Catoosa County, Georgia.

H. R. 3903. An act to remove the political disabilities of Isaac A. Reed, of Louisiana.

H. R. 4145. An act to remove the political disabilities of Washington Gwathmay, of Alabama.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed nine enrolled bills (S. 349, S. 648, H. R. 142, H. R. 436, H. R. 467, H. R. 1948, H. R. 2371, H. R. 2516, and H. R. 3846), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 349. An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund a certain tax erroneously collected.

S. 648. An act to constitute a commission to consider and report a plan for providing enlarged accommodations for the Library of Congress.

H. R. 142. An act granting a pension to George McCoy.

H. R. 436. An act granting a pension to Adam Stinson.

H. R. 467. An act restoring the name of Thomas Crawford, a soldier of the Mexican war, to the pension-roll.

H. R. 1948. An act granting a pension to Bridget T. Hopper.

H. R. 2371. An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the support of the government for the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for other purposes."

H. R. 2516. An act granting a pension to Fannie E. Records, widow of Albert B. Records, late a private in Company G, Fifteenth Regiment Maine Volunteers.

H. R. 3846. An act to provide for deficiencies in the miscellaneous funds of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The Vice-President signed the nine enrolled bills (S. 349, S. 648, H. R. 142, H. R. 436, H. R. 467, H. R. 1948, H. R. 2371, H. R. 2516, and H. R. 3846) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bills last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 1189 and H. R. 3548 be referred to the Committee on Claims; that the bill H. R. 2401 be referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims; that the bill H. R. 3739 be referred to the Committee on Commerce; and that the bills H. R. 2931, H. R. 3314, H. R. 3610, H. R. 3612, H. R. 3667, H. R. 3898, H. R. 3903, and H. R. 4145 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 142) making an appropriation for filling up, draining, and placing in good sanitary condition the grounds south of the Capitol, along the line of the old canal, and for other purposes; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Appropriations having been disagreed to, the resolution was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Harris,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 532) to incorporate the Suburban Railroad Company of Washington, in the District of Columbia; and,

On motion by Mr. Harris,

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3987) to regulate the advertising of mail-lettings; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Edmunds and the motion of Mr. Ferry, was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act to regulate the advertising of mail-lettings, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Coke,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 104) amending section 1661, title 16 (The Militia), of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Whyte that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 31 / Nays 18

On motion by Mr. Davis, of West Virginia,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Beck, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Ferry, Hamlin, Ingalls, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Teller, Thurman, Wadleigh, Whyte, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Coke, Davis of West Virginia, Eustis, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hill, Johnston, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Plumb, Spencer, Wallace.

So the motion was agreed to; and

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Conkling, at 4 o'clock and 58 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1878.

Mr. Burnside presented the petition of Mrs. Mary F. McKeever, praying to be allowed an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Johnston presented the petition of R. H. Logan, of Virginia, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented two petitions of citizens of Wisconsin, praying an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the several States from disfranchising citizens of the United States on account of sex; which were referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented the petition of Mrs. Susan Massure and Mrs. George M. Harrington, praying the removal of their political disabilities and to be allowed the right of suffrage; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Spencer presented the petition of Harmon Vann, of Alabama,

praying to be allowed a pension on account of services rendered by his son, Levi De Bow, late a private in the Seventeenth Regiment United States Colored Troops; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ferry presented three memorials of citizens of Michigan, remonstrating against the passage of the bill to establish a board of fish commissioners to regulate and protect the fisheries of the great lakes; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Memorials, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Oglesby: A memorial of citizens of Illinois.

By Mr. Ferry: A memorial of citizens of Michigan.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Butler presented a petition of citizens of Charleston, South Carolina, praying the establishment of a pension agency at that place; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the chief clerk of the War Department, transmitting a copy of a resolution of the legislature of Pennsylvania in relation to the graves of soldiers of the late war interred in the Harrisburg Cemetery; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Gordon presented a memorial of citizens of Georgia, praying an appropriation to keep in proper condition the light-houses on the coast of that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Booth,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Luther Hall, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 40) to authorize the President to restore George W. Smith to his former rank in the Army, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 214) thereon.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 629) for the relief of Sidney S. McLane, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 215) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 40, S. 629) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Ferry, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 51) for the relief of Albert Towle, postmaster at Beatrice, Nebraska, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 216) thereon.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 185) to amend section 2931 of the Revised Statutes of the United States so as to allow repayment by the Secretary of the Treasury of the tonnage-tax where it has been exacted in contravention of treaty provisions, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Teller, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 213) to survey the Austin-Topolovampo Pacific route, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 217) thereon.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 868) to provide for a code of Army regulations, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Booth, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 926) for the sale of timber-lands in the States of Cali-

fornia and Oregon, and in Washington Territory, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2287) to authorize the Secretary of War to prescribe rules and regulations to be observed in the preparation, submission, and opening of bids for contracts under the War Department, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 218) thereon.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 78) granting the use of artillery, tents, &c., at the national soldiers' and sailors' reunion to be held at Marietta, Ohio, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 824) establishing the rank of the senior Inspector-General, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 221) thereon.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1385) for the relief of the minor heirs of John H. Evans, deceased, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 222) thereon.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 156) for the relief of John M. Goodhue, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 223) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Oglesby, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1135) to authorize the issue of a patent of certain lands in the Brothertown reservation, in the State of Wisconsin, to the persons selected by the Brothertown Indians, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 224) thereon.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of William S. Benjamin, praying for the amendment and correction of his muster-rolls, &c., submitted an adverse report (No. 219) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of C. J. Whiting, praying for reinstatement to his former rank and position in the United States Army, submitted an adverse report (No. 220) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the message of the President of the United States, of January 18, 1878, in relation to the cause and probable cost of the late Nez Percés war.

On motion by Mr. Randolph,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Emma J. Nelson, daughter of, and one of the executors of, the estate of W. F. Nelson, deceased, late chaplain United States Army, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Oglesby,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 984) for the relief of William H. Merritt, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. McDonald: A bill (S. 1029) for the relief of John M. Lord; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Randolph: A bill (S. 1030) donating material of war to the "Washington Association of New Jersey"; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Harris submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be, and hereby is, instructed to inquire into the justice and propriety of securing to defendants in criminal and the highest grade of misdemeanor cases, the right to prosecute appeals on writs of error to the Supreme Court of the United States; and that the committee report by bill or otherwise.

On motion by Mr. Plumb,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 333) for the relief of Thomas J. Choate, Erastus Foster, Milton Ladd, Clarence E. Haney, William A. Hill, Kneeland F. Huckaby, and William Blackburn, late privates in Company F, Third Regiment Arkansas Cavalry Volunteers; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. 22) providing for a place of deposit for the records and proceedings of the commission appointed under the act entitled "An act to provide for and regulate the counting of votes for President and Vice-President, and the decision of questions arising thereon, for the term commencing March 4, anno Domini 1877," approved January 29, 1877; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 378) for the relief of William L. Hickam, of Missouri; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Claims having been agreed to in part, and in part disagreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Ingalls, was reported to the Senate and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act for the relief of William L. Hickam, of Missouri, guardian of the minor children of Hillary J. Jenkins."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Burnside,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 178) to remove all restrictions now existing in regard to enlist-

ments of the colored citizen in any arm of the United States Army; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs, with an amendment which was proposed by Mr. Blaine.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 3102) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, and making an appropriation for the same; also, making appropriations for detecting trespass on public lands, and for bringing into market public lands in certain States, and for other purposes, numbered 6 and 9; and it has disagreed to the residue of the amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 1271. An act establishing the salaries to be paid the collectors of customs of Plymouth and Nantucket, Massachusetts.

H. R. 3123. An act extending the privileges of sections twenty-nine hundred and ninety to twenty-nine hundred and ninety-seven of the Revised Statutes, inclusive, to the port of Bath, in the State of Maine.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 142), I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the joint resolution (H. R. 142) making an appropriation for filling up, draining, and placing in good sanitary condition the grounds south of the Capitol, along the line of the old canal, and for other purposes.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, this day, an act (S. 528) to authorize the Worthington and Sioux Falls Railroad Company to extend its road into the Territory of Dakota to the village of Sioux Falls.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress, approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Matthews,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Allison,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Whyte, at 4 o'clock and 5 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 1878.

Mr. McPherson presented a resolution of the board of aldermen of Jersey City, New Jersey, in favor of the passage of a law making that city a port of entry; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Kirkwood presented a resolution of the legislature of Iowa, in favor of the passage of a law granting a pension to James A. Guthrie on account of services rendered the United States during the Mexican war; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Rollins presented a memorial of citizens of Manchester, New Hampshire, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dawes presented a memorial of the Boston Board of Trade of Massachusetts, in favor of the passage of a law for the correction of errors in the assessment and collection of duties on imports, whether in favor of or against the government; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Kernan: A memorial of merchants and ship-owners of New York.

By the Vice-President: A memorial of the Board of Trade of Oswego, and a memorial of the Board of Trade of Buffalo, New York.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Ingalls presented a petition of the Seneca Nation of Indians, praying the passage of a law providing for the appointment of a commission to ascertain the value and divide the lands of the Cattaraugus, Allegany, and Oil Spring reservations in the State of New York between the individual Indians belonging to said tribe, as their rights may appear.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Eaton presented a petition of J. Huntington Wolcott, executor of the estate of Abbott Lawrence, deceased, praying the passage of a law allowing interest to be paid to the estate of said decedent on a claim against the government of Great Britain for dues alleged to have been exacted from merchants of the United States exporting woolen goods therefrom in violation of the treaty of 1815; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Spencer presented a memorial of the Lowery's Industrial Academy of Alabama, praying an appropriation for the endowment of said academy to aid it in the growth and culture of silk; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of March 14, 1878, information in relation to the claims of laborers and material-men arising out of the construction of the revenue-cutter Corwin, at Albina, Oregon.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, communicating, in answer to resolution of the Senate of December 11, 1877, information in relation to the construction of a dry-dock on a portion of the United States property at Fort McHenry, Maryland; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that, on the 2d instant, they presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 349. An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund a certain tax erroneously collected.

S. 648. An act to constitute a commission to consider and report a plan for providing enlarged accommodations for the Library of Congress.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution of the House of Representatives of March 18, 1878, to print five thousand copies of the report of the United States Entomological Commission, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Booth on the 1st instant, to print extra copies of the arguments before the Committees on Patents of the Senate and House of Representatives on the bill to amend the statutes in relation to patents, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Plumb, February 8, 1878, to print ten thousand copies of the report of the United States Entomological Commission, reported the same adversely; and

The resolution was postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, reported the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the arguments on the bill to amend the statutes in relation to patents, before the Senate and House Committees on Patents, be printed and bound.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 834) for the relief of Mrs. Margaret A. Spencer, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 225) thereon.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 487) for the relief of Mrs. Maria B. Wolfe, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 226) thereon.

Mr. Garland, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 951) relating to the Pagossa Hot Springs, in the State of Colorado, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 834, S. 487, S. 951) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 337) for the relief of Thomas H. Halsey, paymaster United States Army, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 228) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 690) to amend an act entitled "An act to authorize the Seneca Nation of New York Indians to lease lands within the Cattaraugus and Allegany reservations, and to confirm existing leases," approved February 19, 1875, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Christiancy, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was

referred the bill (S. 43) providing for taking testimony and collecting information to be used by Congress, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 622) for the relief of workmen employed in the construction of Poverty Island light-house, Lake Michigan, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 229) thereon.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3822) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 889) granting a pension to John Etzell, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 230) thereon.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 288) for the relief of Gibbes and Company, of Charleston, South Carolina, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 231) thereon.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 178) to remove all restrictions now existing in regard to enlistments of the colored citizen in any arm of the United States Army, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 319) for the relief of the Metropolitan police force of the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 234) thereon.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 907) granting a pension to Louis Koerth, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 227) thereon, with a recommendation that the committee be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Edward Perry, praying for an increase of pension, submitted an adverse report (No. 233) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Anthony Schwörer, praying for the adjustment of pension claim No. 126643, submitted an adverse report (No. 232) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Claims, submitted a report (No. 235) accompanied by a bill (S. 1031) for the relief of the estate of E. Ruoff, deceased; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of J. C. McBurney, submitted a report (No. 236) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1033) for the relief of J. C. McBurney; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Plumb, with the consent of the Senate, submitted a report (No. 213) to accompany the bill (S. 109) defining the manner in which certain land-scrip may be assigned and located, or applied by actual settlers, and providing for the issue of patents in the name of the locator or his legal representatives, reported by him from the Committee on Public Lands March 6, 1878.

Mr. Chaffee obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 1032) to amend an act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure

to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and the acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Kirkwood: A bill (S. 1034) granting additional pension to James A. Guthrie; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Kirkwood: A bill (S. 1035) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to ascertain the amount of land located with military warrants in the States described therein, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 1036) to incorporate the United States Commercial Company; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Beck: A bill (S. 1037) for the relief of John B. Davis; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the bill of the House (H. R. 3102) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, and making an appropriation for the same; also, making appropriations for detecting trespass on public lands, and for bringing into market public lands in certain States, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and,

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Vice-President; and

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Windom, Mr. Dorsey, and Mr. Beck.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The bills (H. R. 1271 and H. R. 3123) yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Vice-President signed the joint resolution (H. R. 142) yesterday reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 954. A bill for the relief of Thomas A. Walker.

S. 997. A bill for the relief of William L. Adams.

S. 1012. A bill authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to abate a certain tax erroneously assessed.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate:

H. R. 596. An act to amend section 540, chapter 1, title 13, Revised Statutes of the United States.

H. R. 1254. An act for the relief of John A. Darling.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; and,

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Matthews,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Spencer, at 4 o'clock and 12 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1878.

Mr. Hill presented a petition of citizens of Georgia, praying an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the several States from disfranchising citizens of the United States on account of sex; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Morgan presented a petition of citizens of Alabama, praying a grant of lands to aid in the construction of the Warrior and Tennessee River Railway; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Whyte presented a memorial of citizens of Maryland, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Matthews presented a memorial of citizens of Arizona Territory, remonstrating against aid being granted in the construction of the Southern Pacific Railroad, and in favor of aid being granted to the Texas Pacific Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Conkling presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying the passage of a law for the equalization of bounties; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented a memorial of the Wisconsin State Grange, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign wools; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Whyte presented a petition of citizens of Baltimore, Maryland, praying the passage of the bill for the transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Cockrell presented additional papers in relation to the application of Edward Evers, late United States Navy for his reappointment as an assistant surgeon in the Navy; which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Navy, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of April 1, 1878, information in relation to existing vacancies in the Naval establishment above the grade of captain.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of March 28, 1878, information in relation to the preservation of the water-front

at Vicksburg, Mississippi; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of March 22, 1878, information in relation to the improvement of Cape Fear Harbor, North Carolina, since the last report thereon; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting a petition of certain officers of the Fifth Infantry, United States Army, praying to be reimbursed for losses sustained by the sinking of the government steamer Don Cameron; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting copy of letters and telegrams from Colonel B. H. Grierson, Tenth United States Cavalry, objecting to the reinstatement or reappointment of officers dismissed from the Tenth Cavalry; also copy of the report of the Adjutant-General on the subject; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sargent presented a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco, California, in favor of an amendment to the act providing for the remonetization of silver, so as to authorize the silver-certificates issued by the subtreasury in that city to be redeemed in the city of New York the same as those issued by the other subtreasuries of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Bailey presented a petition of William A. and Adelicia Cheatham, praying compensation for certain property seized and used in the construction of Federal defenses at Nashville, Tennessee, in 1864; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. McMillan,

Ordered, That Elisha Basse have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of the Senate, upon leaving copies of the same with the Secretary.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (S. 478) authorizing the Commissioner of Patents to extend the patent of Horace A. Stone for improvement in the manufacture of cheese, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 237) thereon.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (S. 72) for the relief of the heirs of William A. Graham, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 238) thereon.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (S. 231) for the relief of Herman E. Davidson and the heirs of Charles H. Davidson, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 239) thereon.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 134) making further appropriations for continuing the improvements of Galveston Harbor and for continuing the work in Galveston Bay, State of Texas, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 240) thereon.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution of the House of Representatives of March 28, 1878, to print twenty-five thousand copies of the report of the Commissioner of Agriculture upon the subject of forestry, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Hereford, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Jesse Turner and others, praying that they may be relieved from liability as sureties on the bond of George W. Clarke, former agent of the Pottawotamie Indians, submitted a report (No. 241) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1038) for the relief of Jesse Turner and others, sureties upon the official bond of George W. Clarke, formerly Indian agent; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills and a joint resolution were introduced, read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Whyte: A bill (S. 1039) for the relief of Jacob Brandt; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Conkling: A bill (S. 1040) granting a pension to Richard Middleton; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Grover: A bill (S. 1041) to provide for the protection of attorneys doing business before the Patent Office, and the other bureaus and departments of the government; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Coke: A bill (S. 1042) to remove the political disabilities of R. T. Chapman, of Texas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Bailey: A bill (S. 1043) for the relief of William A. and Adalicia Cheatham; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Whyte: A bill (S. 1044) granting a site for a dry-dock in the city of Baltimore upon certain conditions; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Christiancy: A joint resolution (S. 23) providing for the distribution and sale of the new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States; to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Chaffee submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Territories be authorized to have the testimony printed in the investigation now pending in regard to matters in the Indian Territory.

Mr. Morrill submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That a select committee of seven Senators be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of making some provision for taking the tenth census, and report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Dorsey submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to request the House of Representatives to return to the Senate the bill (S. 490) supplementary to an act entitled "An act in relation to the Hot Springs reservation in the State of Arkansas," approved March 3, 1877.

On motion by Mr. Harris,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 2096) for the relief of James Fishback, late collector of internal revenue, tenth district State of Illinois; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Maxey,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 2287) to authorize the Secretary of War to prescribe rules and regulations to be observed in the preparation, submission, and opening of bids for contracts under the War Department; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 927) to authorize the construction of a narrow-gauge railroad from Bismarck to the Black Hills; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Matthews,

After debate,

Mr. Matthews withdrew his proposed amendment.

On motion by Mr. Chaffee to amend the bill,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Hill, at 6 oclock p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 1878.

Mr. Allison presented two petitions of citizens of Iowa, praying an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the several States from disfranchising citizens of the United States on account of sex; which were referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting communications from the Paymaster-General and the Adjutant-General, submitting estimates for collection and payment of bounty, prize-money, and other claims of colored soldiers and sailors for the period from January 1, 1879, to June 30, 1879, to be substituted for estimates heretofore made; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, communicating a copy of a letter from the Quartermaster-General in relation to the appropriation for the service of his office as made by the House bill 4104; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Morrill presented a petition of citizens of Vermont, praying the passage of a law for the equalization of bounties; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Plumb presented a petition of citizens of Kansas, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the Osage River, in Missouri and Kansas; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Johnston presented a letter of the Commissioner of Customs, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, in favor of the passage of a law in relation to the oath of office of collectors of customs in Alaska Territory; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Oglesby, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 88) for the relief of James W. Richard and J. S. Brown and Brother, of Denver, Colorado, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 242) thereon.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 797) for the relief of Acting Master Robert Platt, United States Navy, reported it without amendment.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Johnston: A bill (S. 1045) to provide for the administration of the oath of office to collectors and other officers of the customs in the district of Alaska; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Bruce: A bill (S. 1046) for the endowment of the "Lowery Industrial Academy," in the State of Alabama, and to accept a donation of buildings and lands in aid of the same, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. Maxey: A bill (S. 1047) regulating appointments of cadet-midshipmen in the Naval Academy at Annapolis; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Harris: A bill (S. 1048) for the relief of Ethan A. Sawyer; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. McPherson: A bill (S. 1049) to facilitate letter correspondence; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insists upon its disagreement to certain amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 3102) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, and making an appropriation for the same; also making appropriations for detecting trespass on public lands and for bringing into market public lands in certain States, and for other purposes, insisted upon by the Senate.

It agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Durham, Mr. Blount, and Mr. John H. Baker managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has passed the following joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 151. Joint resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund to the Society of the Sons of Saint George, established at Philadelphia, the sum of fourteen hundred and forty dollars and twenty-five cents in gold, being the amount paid by said society upon a colossal statue of Saint George and the Dragon.

H. R. 152. Joint resolution to enable the joint commission to carry into effect the act of Congress providing for the completion of the Washington Monument.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills (H. R. 596 and H. R. 1254), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

The President of the United States has informed the House of Representatives that he approved and signed, on the second instant, an act (H. R. 3846) to provide for deficiencies in the miscellaneous funds of the Senate and House of Representatives; and

He approved and signed, on the 3rd instant, an act (H. R. 2371) to amend an act entitled "An act for the support of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for other purposes"; and

He yesterday approved and signed a joint resolution (H. R. 142) making an appropriation for filling up, draining, and placing in good sanitary condition the grounds south of the Capitol, along the line of the old canal, and for other purposes.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 596. An act to amend section 540, chapter 1, title 13, Revised Statutes of the United States.

H. R. 1254. An act for the relief of John A. Darling.

The Vice-President signed the two enrolled bills (H. R. 596 and H. R. 1254) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The joint resolutions this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the resolution H. R. 151 be referred to the Committee on Finance, and that the resolution H. R. 152 be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 2291) for the relief of Thomas W. Collier; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3822) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Appropriations having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Sargent, was reported to the Senate and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed without amendment the following bill and joint resolution of the Senate:

S. 691. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the sale of certain New York Indian lands in Kansas," approved February 19, 1873.

S. 22. Joint resolution providing for a place of deposit for the records and proceedings of the commission appointed under the act entitled "An act to provide for and regulate the counting of votes for President and Vice-President, and the decision of questions arising thereon, for the term commencing March fourth, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-seven," approved January 29, 1877.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 3824) to authorize the survey of the Cattaraugus Indian reservation in the State of New York, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (H. R. 2287), I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 2287) to authorize the Secretary of War to prescribe rules and regulations to be observed in the preparation, submission, and opening of bids for contracts under the War Department.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Chaffee,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Conkling, at 5 o'clock and 5 minutes p. m., that the Senate adjourn until Monday next at 12 o'clock,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 32 / Nays..... 31

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Barnum, Blaine, Bruce, Burnside, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Conkling, Conover, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Ferry, Gordon, Hill, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Lamar, Mitchell, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Ransom, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Whyte, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Butler, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Edmunds, Eustis, Garland, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Howe, Johnston, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, McPherson, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Morrill, Oglesby, Saulsbury, Thurman, Wallace.

So the motion was agreed to, and

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1878.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the credentials of George H. Pendleton, elected a Senator by the legislature of Ohio, for the term of six years commencing March 4, 1879; which were read.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, recommending an appropriation for the purpose of purchasing records of the late so-called Confederate States of America; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a memorial of citizens of Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, praying the establishment of a mint, assay and refining office in that city; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the petition of Maria Hart, widow of James Hart, late of Company I, One hundred and fifty-eighth Regiment New York Volunteers, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a memorial of John Folkman, suggesting certain plans for the relief of the working classes in the United States, and to enable those in the overcrowded cities to remove to and locate upon the public lands; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

Mr. Windom presented a memorial of the Board of Trade of Minneapolis, Minnesota, in favor of the improvement of the Mississippi River above Saint Louis, Missouri, and also for the establishment of a line of steamships, under government auspices, between New Orleans and Brazil; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Kernan presented resolutions of the Oswego Board of Trade, remonstrating against the proposed abolition of the duties on imported flour and the fixing of the rate of duty on wheat at 20 cents per bushel, and also against the proposed rate of duty upon imported barley and malt; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kernan presented a resolution of the city council of Brooklyn, New York, in favor of an appropriation for the erection of a post-office building in that city; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Booth presented a petition of citizens of Los Angelos, California praying the passage of a law authorizing the holding of at least one term per year of the United States courts for the district of California at that place; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of James Rose, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Memorials, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes, were presented as follows:

By Mr. McPherson: A memorial of citizens of New Jersey.

By Mr. Kernan: A memorial of citizens of New York.

By Mr. Matthews: A memorial of citizens of Ohio.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented resolutions of the Chamber of Commerce of New York, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Johnston presented the petition of John T. Tucker, of Virginia, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of New York, praying the passage of a law authorizing and granting aid by way of compensation in the establishment of a line of ocean mail steamships between the United States and other countries; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law and praying certain amendments thereto.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Spencer presented the petition of W. W. Loring, of Florida, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Spencer presented the petition of Ethan A. Sawyers, of Jefferson County, Tennessee, praying compensation for services rendered the United States, and for property taken and appropriated by United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 532) to incorporate the Suburban Railway Company of Washington, District of Columbia, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Rollins, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 933) to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund a tax erroneously collected, reported it with an amendment.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Ferry: A bill (S. 1050) to amend sections 177 and 178 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the temporary filling of vacancies in the offices of the several executive departments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 1051) for the relief of Hardie Hogan Helper; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 1052) to remove the political disabilities of William W. Loring; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 1053) providing for a survey of the mouth of the Columbia River; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Chaffee: A bill (S. 1054) to authorize the United States to secure a title to certain military and timber reservations; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 1055) for the relief of the sureties of J. W. Smith, late additional paymaster in the United States Army; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 1056) relating to the rank of certain retired Army officers; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Morrill: A bill (S. 1057) in relation to the promotion of officers in the Army; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sargent obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 24) authorizing the President of the United States to appoint a commissioner to the King of Corea, to arrange a treaty of amity and commerce between the United States and the King of Corea, and to appropriate the necessary expenses in making such treaty; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 330. An act for the benefit of Alderson T. Keene, late first lieutenant of Company E, First Kentucky Cavalry.

H. R. 888. An act for the relief of James McGregor.

H. R. 1119. An act to confirm the title of Benjamin E. Edwards, his heirs, assigns, or legal representatives, to a certain tract of land in the Territory of New Mexico.

H. R. 1371. An act for the relief of John W. Skiles.

H. R. 1551. An act for the relief of Mrs. Emma A. Porch, of Centretown, Missouri.

H. R. 1855. An act for the relief of John C. Ray.

H. R. 2334. An act for the relief of Joseph F. Wilson.

H. R. 3289. An act for the relief of William J. Alexander, of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana.

The bills last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 330, H. R. 1551, and H. R. 1371 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that the bills H. R. 888 and H. R. 3289 be referred to the Committee on Claims; that the bill H. R. 1119 be referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims; that the bill H. R. 2334 be referred to the Committee on Public Lands; and that the bill H. R. 1855 be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, on the 3d instant, an act (S. 648) to constitute a commission to consider and report a plan for providing enlarged accommodations for the Library of Congress; and

He this day approved and signed an act (S. 349) to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund a certain tax erroneously collected.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Dawes,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 180) to provide for a building for the use of the post-office, the United States circuit and district courts, and other government offices at Topeka, Kansas; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (H. R. 3824) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence on Friday last was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 2287) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its last adjournment, viz, the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government

the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Chaffee, and

A further amendment having been proposed by Mr. Blaine,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds, at 4 o'clock and 30 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 1878.

Mr. Eustis presented a memorial of certain foreign steamship agents, remonstrating against the passage of the bill to amend the Revised Statutes concerning commerce and navigation and the regulation of steam-vessels, so far as it relates to foreign vessels; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Anthony presented a memorial of Lelia E. McCauley, widow of the late Commodore Charles L. McCauley, United States Navy, praying compensation for the destruction of property by fire at the abandonment of the navy-yard at Norfolk, Virginia, April 20, 1861; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Ingalls presented papers in relation to the application of Jacob S. Hunt to be allowed a pension; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ferry presented a petition of citizens of Michigan, praying the repeal of the bankrupt law.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Ferry presented the petition of Mrs. Nancy M. Richmond, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, presented the petition of Ellen Call Long, praying payment of the claim of the heirs of the late Richard K. Call, in accordance with the judgment rendered in the United States court for the district of Florida, January 18, 1847; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Oglesby presented a petition of Charles F. Tate, and other citizens of Illinois in his behalf, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Christiancy presented a memorial of citizens of Michigan, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Blaine presented the petition of Toussaint Mesplié, praying compensation for services rendered as chaplain at The Dalles, Oregon, from 1851 to 1863; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Cockrell presented the petition of Hugo Osterhaus, master United States Navy, praying that W. M. Wood be restored to his proper rank in the Navy, next after W. P. Ray, master United States Navy; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, presented a petition of citizens of Florida,

praying the passage of a law granting aid in the construction and completion of Texas Pacific Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Eustis presented a resolution of the legislature of Louisiana, in favor of an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Red River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Navy, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of February 18, 1878, information in relation to the lands belonging to the United States in the State of Florida reserved for naval purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Coke presented a resolution of the legislature of Texas, in favor of the passage of a law compensating Henry Warren for the loss of his property destroyed by the Comanche Indians; which were referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Burnside presented papers in relation to the introduction of industrial expositions, and moral and social science, into the public schools of the District of Columbia; which were referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting a letter from the Commissary-General of Subsistence urging that the clerical force recommended in his annual report for 1877 be provided for by an appropriation; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Wallace,

Ordered, That Catharine T. Campbell have leave to withdraw her petition from the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Allison,

Ordered, That Andrew B. Battelle and George Evans have leave to withdraw their petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 21) for the relief of Brigadier-General Alexander S. Webb, late of the United States Army, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 916) to re-establish the mint at New Orleans, authorizing the coinage of gold and silver thereat, and making an appropriation therefor, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 768) to defray the expenses of the mint and assay-office at New Orleans, Louisiana, and making an appropriation therefor, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 375) for the protection of widows, orphans, and heirs at law of officers of the Army of the United States, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 592) for the relief of Captain P. A. Owen, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 245) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 21, S. 916, S. 768, S. 375, S. 592) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 864) to provide for the construction, maintenance,

l operation of a military telegraph in Dakota and Montana Terri-ies, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 242) reon.

Ir. Oglesby, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was re-red the bill (S. 1021) for the relief of certain settlers on the public ds, reported it without amendment.

Ir. Blaine, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was re-red the bill (H. R. 3740) to provide for deficiencies in the appropria-ns for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 1878, and for prior years, and for other purposes, reported it with endments.

Ir. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill (S. 1058) repair and put in operation the mint at New Orleans, authorizing coinage of gold and s lver thereat, and making an appropriation refor; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous con-t.

eave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and ond times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

3y Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 1059) granting a pension to Jacob S. Hunt; the Committee on Pensions.

3y Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 1060) directing the Secretary of War to ct headstones over the graves of soldiers interred in the cemetery at und City, Kansas; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

3y Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 1061) to introduce industrial expositions o the public schools of the District of Columbia; and

A bill (S. 1062) to introduce moral and social science into the public ools of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Education l Labor.

3y Mr. Ferry: A bill (S. 1063) providing for the compensation to be d for the transportation of the mails on railroad routes; to the Com-tee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

3y Mr. Coke: A bill (S. 1064) for the relief of Henry Warren; to the mmittee on Indian Affairs.

3y Mr. Blaine: A bill (S. 1065) for the relief of Toussaint Mesplié; the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Oglesby,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the l (H. R. 1135) to authorize the issue of a patent of certain lands in Brothertown reservation, in the State of Wisconsin, to the persons ected by the Brothertown Indians; and the reported amendment ving been withdrawn, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives reof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the lowing bills; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, bills were reported to the Senate and the amendments were con-red in.

H. R. 536. An act for the relief of W. C. Snyder, of Illinois.

H. R. 3712. An act to provide for the erection of a public building in city of Kansas, in the State of Missouri.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bills read a third ie.

The said bills as amended were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Maxey,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 868) to provide a code of Army regulations; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Military Affairs having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives further insists upon its disagreement to certain amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 3102) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, and making an appropriation to pay the same; also making appropriations for detecting trespass on the public lands, and for bringing into market public lands in certain States, and for other purposes. It asks a further conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Durham, Mr. Blount, and Mr. J. H. Baker managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 3064) making appropriations for the consular and diplomatic service of the government for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 4245) authorizing the President of the United States to appoint James Shields, of Missouri, a brigadier-general in the United States Army, on the retired-list, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (S. 691) and an enrolled joint resolution (S. 22), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bill and joint resolution:

S. 691. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the sale of certain New York Indian lands in Kansas," approved February 19, 1873.

S. 22. Joint resolution providing for a place of deposit for the records and proceedings of the commission appointed under the act entitled "An act to provide for and regulate the counting of votes for President and Vice-President, and the decision of questions arising thereon, for the term commencing March 4, anno Domini 1877," approved January 29, 1877.

On motion by Mr. Mitchell,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 999) for the relief of Mrs. Eliza E. Hebert; and,

On motion by Mr. Mitchell,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Windom, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 3102) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, and making an appropriation to pay the same; also, making appropriations for detecting trespass on public lands, and for bringing into market public lands in

tain States, and for other purposes, reported that having met, after and free conference the committee were unable to agree; and,

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Resolved, That the Senate further insist upon its amendments to the l bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agree to the ond conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed the Vice-President; and

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Windom, Mr. Dorsey, and Mr. Beck.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives reof.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the bill of the use (H. R. 3064) making appropriations for the consular and diplo- ic service of the government for the year ending June 30, 1879, and other purposes, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and,

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said bill agreed to by the House of Representatives, and ask a conference on disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed the Vice-President; and

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Windom, Mr. Allison, and Mr. ton.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives reof.

The Vice-President signed the enrolled bill (S. 691) and the enrolled nt resolution (S. 22) last reported to have been examined, and they e delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the ited States.

The bill (H. R. 4245) last received from the House of Representatives concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous sent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Teller,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration he bill (S. 927) to authorize the construction of a narrow-gauge rail- d from Bismarck to the Black Hills; and the amendments reported the Committee on Railroads having been agreed to in part, and in t disagreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. istiancy, the motion of Mr. Windom, and the motion of Mr. Here- d,

On motion by Mr. Thurman to further amend the bill,

Pending debate,

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and ed up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yes- lay, viz, the bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Mis- ri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 864, in amendment of said first-named act; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration he said bill; and,

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Blaine,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Patterson, at 5 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m., that the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 29 / Nays 36

On motion by Mr. Butler,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Barnum, Blaine, Bruce, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Conover, Dawes, Dennis, Dorsey, Eaton, Ferry, Gordon, Hill, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Lamar, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Patterson, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Edmunds, Eustis, Garland, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Johnston, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, McPherson, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Plumb, Randolph, Ransom, Saulsbury, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh.

So the motion was not agreed to.

After further debate,

Mr. Blaine, with the unanimous consent of the Senate, withdrew the amendment pending; and

On motion by Mr. Blaine to amend the bill by inserting at the end of section 12 the following words:

But so long as said Central Pacific and Union Pacific Railroad Companies shall faithfully comply with the provisions of the said acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-two and eighteen hundred and sixty-four and of this act relating to payments to the United States on account of the bonds advanced, and of the sinking-funds to be established as aforesaid, such compliance shall be deemed and taken as sufficient to meet the obligations of said companies on account of such bonds prior to the maturity thereof: Provided, That the annual payments from each railroad company, in addition to the half transportation account and the five per cent. of net earnings presently applicable to the interest and the bonds, shall never be less than six hundred thousand dollars, including the other half of the transportation account applicable to the sinking-fund herein established; and that nothing in this act shall be construed to waive any claim of the United States against either of said railroad companies, from whatever source arising,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 23 / Nays 35

On motion by Mr. Blaine,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Barnum, Blaine, Bruce, Conover, Dennis, Eaton, Ferry, Gordon, Hill, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Matthews, Mitchell, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Edmunds, Garland, Grover, Hereford, Johnston, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, McPherson, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Patterson, Randolph, Ransom, Saulsbury, Thurman, Wadleigh, Wallace, Windom.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

uestion recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Chaffee,
Chaffee withdrew the amendment, and the bill having been
d on the motion of Mr. Thurman, and the motion of Mr. Ed-
was reported to the Senate and the amendments were con-
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ed, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.
aid bill was read the third time.
ie question, Shall the bill pass?
s determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....40 / Nays.....20
On motion by Mr. Sargent,
eas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
who voted in the affirmative are,
rs. Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Burnside,
Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West
a, Edmunds, Eustis, Garland, Grover, Harris, Hereford, John-
nes of Florida, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, McPher-
xey, Merrimon, Morgan. Oglesby, Patterson, Plumb, Ransom,
Saulsbury, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace, Windom.
who voted in the negative are,
rs. Allison, Barnum, Blaine, Bruce, Conover, Dennis, Dorsey,
Ferry, Gordon, Hill, Howe, Kellogg, Matthews, Mitchell, Pad-
Randolph, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer.
uestion being then put on agreeing to the preamble,
s determined in the affirmative.
was
ved, That the bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.
ed, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of
ntatives therein.
On motion by Mr. McCreery,
Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the
35) to repeal the bankrupt law; and,
otion by Mr. Allison, at 7 o'clock and 43 minutes p. m.,
Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1878.

Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of
mmunicating copies of the annual reports of the generals com-
g Departments of the Columbia and of Dakota; which was
l to the Committee on Printing.
Merrimon presented the petition of citizens of North Carolina,
the passage of a law making an appropriation for the erection
ilding at Greensborough, in that State, for the use of the post-
nd other government offices; which was referred to the Commit-
Public Buildings and Grounds.
Johnston presented two memorials of merchants, owners, agents,
asters of vessels, citizens of Norfolk, Virginia, remonstrating
the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treas-
the Navy Department.
ed, That they lie on the table.
McDonald presented the memorial of Franklin B. Hunt, of Rich-
Indiana, praying for the appointment of a committee to investi-
rtain differences between the Commissioner of Patents and him-
l the causes which led to his being prohibited from practicing

before the said Commissioner of Patents; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented the resolutions of the general assembly of Pennsylvania, against the pending tariff bill, known as the "Wood tariff-bill," and against any change in the present tariff; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented the resolutions of the Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the granting of American registers to foreign-built vessels, and against any change in the tariff-laws which permits material for the construction or repair of vessels of the United States to be imported in bond and withdrawn without the payment of duty; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented three petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, against the revival of the income tax; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McPherson presented the petition of citizens of New Jersey, praying an amendment of the Constitution of the United States to prohibit the several States from disfranchising citizens on account of sex; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Wallace presented the petition of Samuel B. Hutchinson, praying to be reimbursed for money advanced for and in support of Mary A. Shurlock, on account of a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Wallace presented the resolutions of the Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any change in the tariff-laws which would affect merchant-ship building; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wallace presented the petition of citizens of Huntington County, Pennsylvania, praying the passage of a law granting aid in the construction and completion of the Southern Pacific Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Butler presented the memorial of the legislature of South Carolina, praying the restoration to that State of the possession of the property in Charleston known as the State Military Academy of South Carolina, and also compensation for the use and occupancy of the same by the United States military authorities during and since the war; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Conkling presented the memorial of H. K. and F. B. Thurber and Company, of New York, remonstrating against the transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Maxey presented the petition of Marcus Radish, praying compensation for the use and occupancy of his property in Brownsville, Texas, by United States military authorities in the year 1865; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

Ordered, That William E. Morgan have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1047) regulating the appointment of cadet-midshipmen in the Naval Academy at Annapolis, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1780) granting a pension to William S. Davis, late private in Company E, Thirty-first Illinois Infantry Volunteers, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 247) thereon.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 893) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to examine the evidence of payments made by the State of Missouri under the act of April 17, 1866, to the officers and privates of the militia forces of said State for military services actually performed in the suppression of the rebellion, in full concert and co-operation with the authorities of the United States, and subject to their order, and to make report thereof to Congress, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 582) providing for the payment of counsel-fees in Chicago ceded land suits, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 602) for the relief of John R. Bond, late of the United States Navy, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 246) thereon.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 494) for the relief of Thornton A. Jenkins, reported without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 602, S. 494) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

On motion by Mr. Hereford,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 496) for the relief of the legal representatives of R. W. Gibbes.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Doughty and Card, praying payment of their claim for legal services in case of Parish vs. The United States, in the Court of Claims, submitted a report (No. 248) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1066) for the relief of Doughty and Card; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas W. Simmons, praying for relief, submitted a report (No. 249) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1067) for the relief of Thomas W. Simmons; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of T. B. Kelly, praying for relief, submitted a report (No. 250) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1068) for the relief of T. B. Kelly; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Rollins, from the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Wadleigh March 4, 1878, directing the Secretary to pay out of the contingent fund of the Senate to Thaddeus A. Jones, engineer in charge of the elevator, the sum of one hundred dollars, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the resolution; and

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Captain Theodore Higgins, submitted an adverse report (No. 251) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred

the petition of John G. Morgan, submitted an adverse report (No. 252) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Morgan: A bill (S. 1069) for the relief of Emanuel Jones, a British subject; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. Wallace: A bill (S. 1070) to define the extent of the lien of judgments obtained in the courts of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Bruce submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Chair be authorized to appoint two additional members to serve on the Select Committee on the Levees of the Mississippi River.

Mr. Voorhees submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That the Committee on Pensions be instructed to report a bill to this body making provision for placing the names of the surviving soldiers of the Mexican war, and of the widows of those who are deceased, upon the pension-rolls of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Merrimon,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1412) to prevent depredations upon property in the District of Columbia; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Wallace,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 55) for the relief of John W. Douglass; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Hill,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1033) for the relief of J. C. McBurney; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 29 / Nays 20

On motion by Mr. Saulsbury,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Chaffee, Coke, Conover, Dawes, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, McPherson, Maxey, Mitchell, Morgan, Patterson, Sargent, Teller, Voorhees, Wadleigh.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Eaton, Harris, Howe, Johnston, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Merrimon, Oglesby, Plumb, Rollins, Saulsbury, Saunders, Whyte.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (S. 35) to repeal the bankrupt law; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and

The reported amendments having been agreed to; and

A further amendment having been proposed by Mr. Matthews,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Rollins, at 5 o'clock and 53 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1878.

Mr. Beck presented the memorial of Emily Hughes, of Clay County, Kentucky, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dawes presented two memorials of citizens of New Bedford, Massachusetts, remonstrating against the revival of the tax upon incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, communicating a copy of a letter from the Commissioner of Patents, submitting an estimate for continuing the work of restoring the models injured by the late fire; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Second Auditor of the Treasury, communicating, in obedience to law, copies of certain accounts of persons charged with the disbursement of moneys, goods, &c., for the benefit of the Indians, from July 1, 1876, to June 30, 1877, the names of persons to whom such moneys, goods, &c., were delivered, and showing the amount and object of the disbursements so made.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Eustis presented three memorials of citizens of New Orleans, Louisiana, remonstrating against the transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the petition of the heirs of Walter Hunt, deceased, praying an extension of his patent for improvement in shirt-collars; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Harris presented the petition of citizens of Bristol, Tennessee praying that the city of Memphis may be made the eastern terminus of any southern railway which may be constructed connecting the waters

of the Mississippi River with the Pacific Ocean; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Barnum presented the petition of M. W. Galt, H. A. Willard, and others, citizens of Washington, District of Columbia, praying for the removal of the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from certain streets in the city of Washington; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Morgan presented additional papers in relation to the claim of Dr. John B. Read, praying that he may be compensated for improvements in projectiles for rifled ordnance, &c.; which, with the memorial and papers on file, were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Morgan presented the petition of James E. Slaughter, of Mobile, Alabama, praying the payment of the awards made in favor of Benjamin Weil, and the La Abra Silver Mining Company, made by the Joint Commission of the United States and Mexico, under treaty of July 4, 1868, may be suspended for further investigation into the rights of the claimants; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dennis presented a letter of the chief clerk of the house of delegates of Maryland, transmitting a resolution of the general assembly of Maryland, authorizing judicial proceedings to give effect to the electoral vote of that State in the late election for President and Vice-President of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McCreery presented the petition of Mrs. Eliza A. Frizell, of Simpson County, Kentucky, praying compensation for property alleged to have been taken by United States military authorities during the late war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. McCreery presented the petition of Mrs. Narcissa M. Powell, of Allen County, Kentucky, praying for a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. McCreery presented the petition of Mrs. Marian W. Thurmond, of Logan County, Kentucky, praying compensation for property alleged to have been taken by United States military authorities during the late war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of March 27, 1878, information in relation to the time when the government took possession of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, the length of time in possession, the rates of fares and freights established, amount received on account therefor.

Mr. Garland presented the petition of W. N. Swayne and P. K. Howard, praying compensation for the loss of a tug-boat, sunk by a government steamer; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Chaffee,

Ordered, That the papers in the case of the heirs of John S. Fillmore, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

Ordered, That Louis Koerth have leave to withdraw his papers from the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that on the 10th instant they presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

S. 691. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the

sale of certain New York Indian lands in Kansas," approved February 19, 1873.

S. 22. Joint resolution providing for a place of deposit for the records and proceedings of the commission appointed under the act entitled "An act to provide for and regulate the counting of votes for President and Vice-President, and the decision of questions arising thereon, for the term commencing March 4, A. D. 1877," approved January 29, 1877.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3739) to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious diseases into the United States, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1639) making an appropriation for pier-lights at the entrance of the jetties in the South Pass of the Mississippi River, reported it without amendment.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 576) to amend the statutes in relation to immediate transportation of imported merchandise, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Booth, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (S. 379) for the relief of William Wheeler Hubbell, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 253) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

On motion by Mr. Plumb,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the following bills:

S. 152. A bill for the relief of certain settlers upon homestead and pre-emption lands.

S. 385. A bill for the relief of settlers on the public lands.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Public Lands, submitted a report (No. 254), accompanied by a bill (S. 1071) for the relief of settlers on the public lands; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred, as follows:

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 1072) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to register the schooner Ida B; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. McMillan: A bill (S. 1073) granting lands to the State of Minnesota in lieu of certain lands heretofore granted to said State; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Garland: A bill (S. 1074) for the relief of Winfrey N. Swayne and Philip K. Howard; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Butler: A bill (S. 1075) to fix and regulate the status of brevet rank in the Army of the United States; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Chaffee: A bill (S. 1076) for the relief of the heirs of John S. Fillmore, late of Denver, Colorado; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. McCreery: A bill (S. 1077) granting a pension to Mrs. Narcissa Powell; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. McCreery: A bill (S. 1078) for the relief of Mrs. Eliza A. Frizell; and

A bill (S. 1079) for the relief of Mrs. Marian Thurmond; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Wallace: A bill (S. 1080) authorizing the issue of passports

free to colored citizens going to Brazil; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him March 22, 1878, directing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the circumstances of the arrest of Benjamin Noyes, in the city of Washington, March 11, 1878; and,

After debate,

The resolution was agreed to.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: I am directed to return to the Senate, in accordance with its request, the bill (S. 490) supplementary to an act entitled "An act in relation to the Hot Springs reservation in the State of Arkansas," approved March 3, 1877.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 3679) to amend a joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to issue arms, approved July 3, 1876.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed a joint resolution (S. 22) providing for a place of deposit for the records and proceedings of the commission appointed under the act entitled "An act to provide for and regulate the counting of votes for President and Vice-President, and the decision of questions arising thereon, for the term commencing March 4, 1877," approved January 29, 1877.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (S. 20) relating to Chinese immigration; and,

The question being on the motion to refer the resolution to the Committee on Foreign Relations,

After debate,

The motion was agreed to.

The Vice President appointed Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, and Mr. Eustis additional members of the Select Committee on the Levees of the Mississippi River, as authorized by the resolution of the Senate of yesterday.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1058) to repair and put in operation the mint at New Orleans, authorizing the coinage of gold and silver thereat, and making an appropriation therefor; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Burnside,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 178) to remove all restrictions now existing in regard to enlistments of the colored citizen in any arm of the United States Army; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed till to-morrow.

Mr. Windom, from the second committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 3102) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, and making an appropriation for the same; also making appropriations for detecting trespass on public lands, and for bringing into market public lands in certain States, and for other purposes, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. No. 3102) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, and making an appropriation for the same; also making appropriations for detecting trespass on public lands, and for bringing into market public lands in certain States, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments numbered 1 and 4.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 2, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: In lieu of "twenty thousand" insert *six thousand five hundred;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 3, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: In lieu of the sum proposed insert *one thousand dollars*; and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 5, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: In lieu of "fifteen thousand," in lines 4 and 5 of said amendment, insert *seven thousand five hundred*, and in lieu of "five thousand," in line 7, insert *seven thousand five hundred;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the committee are unable to agree upon amendments numbered 7 and 8.

WM. WINDOM,
S. W. DORSEY,
JAS. B. BECK,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
M. J. DURHAM,
JAMES H. BLOUNT,
J. H. BAKER,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and,

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto; and that the Senate further insist upon its amendments numbered 7 and 8, and ask a further conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Presiding Officer; and

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Cockrell in the chair) appointed Mr. Windom, Mr. Dorsey, and Mr. Beck.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States has informed the

House of Representatives that he approved and signed, on the 8th instant, the following acts:

H. R. 142. An act granting a pension to George McCoy.

H. R. 436. An act granting a pension to Adam Stinson.

H. R. 467. An act restoring the name of Thomas Crawford, a soldier of the Mexican war, to the pension-roll.

H. R. 596. An act to amend section 540, chapter 1, title 13, Revised Statutes of the United States.

H. R. 1254. An act for the relief of John A. Darling.

H. R. 1948. An act granting a pension to Bridget T. Hopper.

H. R. 2516. An act granting a pension to Fannie E. Records, widow of Albert B. Records, late a private in Company G, Fifteenth Regiment Maine Volunteers.

The bill (H. R. 3679) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Blaine,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3740) to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for prior years, and for other purposes; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Appropriations having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Allison, the motion of Mr. Anthony from the Committee on Printing, the motion of Mr. Howe from the Committee on the Library;

On motion by Mr. Dorsey to further amend the bill by inserting, at the end of line 123, the following words:

That the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized and directed to advance to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia seventy-five thousand dollars for the support of the public schools of the District, to be available immediately; and said Commissioners shall refund the amount so advanced out of any revenues of the District for the current fiscal year;

After debate,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 29 / Nays 22

On motion by Mr. Beck,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Barnum, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Conover, Dawes, Dorsey, Ferry, Harris, Howe, Ingalls, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Merrimon, Morrill, Patterson, Ransom, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Cockrell, Coke, Eaton, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, McPherson, Maxey, Morgan, Saulsbury, Voorhees, Whyte.

So the amendment was agreed to.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill, as amended, was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Garland, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the vote on the passage of the bill (S. 490) supplementary to an act entitled "An act in relation to the Hot Springs reservation, in the State of Arkansas," approved March 3, 1877, be reconsidered; and,

On motion by Mr. Garland,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Bailey,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 910) for the relief of the Book-Agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church South; and,

On motion by Mr. Bailey,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to, and made the special order for, Thursday next, at one o'clock.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 35) to repeal the bankrupt law; and,

On motion by Mr. Morrill, at 5 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1878.

Mr. Ingalls presented a resolution of the Washington Monument Society, remonstrating against the abandonment or any material modification of the original plan for the erection of the Washington Monument; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Kernan presented a resolution of the legislature of New York, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law and praying its amendment.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Whyte presented the petition of Elizabeth Joines, widow of John Joines, deceased, late a sail-maker in the United States Navy, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Whyte presented a memorial of citizens of Maryland, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Eustis presented resolutions of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange in favor of an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at that place; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Kernan presented resolutions of the board of managers of the New York Produce Exchange, suggesting certain measures to secure the most effective method of increasing the export of American products and creating a demand for our manufactures abroad; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kernan presented a memorial of the Associated Veterans of the Mexican War, praying the passage of the bill to place upon the retired-list of the Army Major-General James Shields; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Kernan presented a resolution of the Buffalo Board of Trade, remonstrating against change in the present rates of duty on imported flour, wheat, and mill-feed; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kernan presented a resolution of the legislature of New York, in favor of the passage of a law to secure equitable rates, and to prevent unjust discriminations in rates of freights upon property transported by common carriers; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any change in the rates of duty on imports and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ferry presented two memorials of citizens of Michigan, remonstrating against the proposed abolition of pension agencies; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Eaton presented a memorial of the mayor and other citizens of New Haven, Connecticut, in relation to the alleged improper arrest of Benjamin Noyes, a citizen of that State, and praying that the matter may be inquired into; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Coke presented the petition of Eli Ayres, of Texas, praying the passage of a law to quiet titles to certain lands alleged to have been purchased by him under the Chickasaw treaty of May 24, 1834, or that he may be reimbursed the amount of money, with interest, alleged to have been paid for said lands; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, communicating a tabular statement of campaigns, expeditions, and scouts in the Department of Dakota in the third quarter of 1877.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting a letter from the General of the Army recommending the amendment of section 1216 and the modification of section 1285 of the Revised Statutes, so as to entitle the holders of certificates of merit to the additional pay of two dollars per month while in the military service; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Johnston presented a letter of the Acting First Assistant Postmaster-General, relating to the claim of D. G. Potts, postmaster at Petersburgh, Virginia; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

On motion by Mr. Beck,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of John B. Davis, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

On motion by Mr. McDonald,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of D. Rodney King, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Wallace, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1080) authorizing the issue of passports free to colored citizens going to Brazil, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Oredred, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was re-

ferred the joint resolution (S. 23) providing for the distribution and sale of the new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said joint resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3690) to relieve the churches of the District of Columbia, and to clear the title of the trustees to such property, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 255) thereon.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3859) for the relief of Silas M. Norton, postmaster at Bristol, Connecticut, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 256) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3969) regulating the appointment of justices of the peace, commissioners of deeds, and constables within and for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 257) thereon.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Ordered, That the Committee on Printing be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution submitted by Mr. Teller, December 7, 1877, to print 10,000 copies of Professor Hayden's annual report of the geological and geographical survey of the Territories for 1877; and from the resolution submitted by Mr. Wadleigh, March 4, 1878, that 1,000 copies of the arguments before the Committee on Privileges and Elections in relation to a sixteenth amendment be given to Mrs. Sara Andrews Spencer, president of the National Woman's Association.

Mr. Rollins, from the Committee on Manufactures, reported the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Whereas the manufacturing industries of this country are largely interested in any changes in the existing tariff regulations: Therefore,

Be it resolved, That the Committee on Manufactures be, and are hereby, authorized and directed to consider and report to the Senate the probable effect of any changes proposed in the tariff laws affecting the manufacturing industries of the country.

On motion by Mr. Bailey,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Lydia Dorr praying to be restored to the pension-rolls, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition and papers.

Mr. Hereford obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 1085) to repeal all that part of the act approved January 14, 1875, known as the resumption act, which authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to dispose of United States bonds and redeem and cancel the greenback currency; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Johnston: A bill (S. 1081) for the relief of David G. Potts; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. McDonald: A bill (S. 1082) to organize the National Railway Company of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Hereford: A bill (S. 1083) to incorporate the Collateral Loan and Trust Company in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Hereford: A bill (S. 1084) to authorize the construction of railroad bridges across the Big Sandy River and its navigable tributaries; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 1086) to require the renewal of certain bonds required of Army officers; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 1087) to provide additional regulations for homesteads and pre-emptions on the public lands; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Rollins: A bill (S. 1088) providing for the correction and revision of assessments for special improvements in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 1089) for the relief of Lieutenant-Colonel Schuyler Hamilton, late United States Army; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 1090) for the relief of Lawrence A. Williams; and

A bill (S. 1091) for the relief of James H. Woodard; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Morgan: A bill (S. 1092) to regulate appeals to the Supreme Court of the United States in certain cases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Jones, of Florida: A bill (S. 1093) authorizing railroad companies to construct and maintain telegraph-lines, for commercial purposes, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Sargent: A bill (S. 1094) for the pardon of certain deserters from the United States Army in 1848; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 1095) repealing the several sections of the Revised Statutes relating to the tenure of civil offices; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sargent submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to transmit to the Senate the record of the proceedings of trial by court-martial of Captain G. Bancroft Ghirradi, of the Navy, on charges of cruelty to seamen, with the proceedings taken thereon; also any subsequent orders for the employment of said Ghirradi, and the nature of such employment; also any correspondence between the Bureau of Equipment and Recruiting on the subject of such orders and employment.

Mr. Eustis submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be, and is hereby, directed to transmit to the Senate the report of the hydrographic commission, which was convened in New Orleans, to examine and report upon the means necessary to protect the wharves and harbor from the incursions of the Mississippi River.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That on Wednesday next, at one o'clock, the Senate will

proceed to the consideration of the calendar, and continue such consideration from day to day until the same shall have been gone through with; and bills that are not objected to shall be taken up in their order, and each Senator shall be entitled to speak once, and for five minutes only, unless, upon motion, the Senate should at any time otherwise order; and the objection may be interposed at any stage of the proceedings; and this order shall take precedence of special orders or unfinished business, unless otherwise ordered.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 3740) to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for prior years, and for other purposes.

The House of Representatives insists upon its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 3064) making appropriations for the consular and diplomatic service of the government for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes. It agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Singleton, Mr. Sparks, and Mr. Hale managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the following bills of the Senate:

S. 484. An act to authorize the construction of a bridge abutment and approach within the Fort Riley military reservation;

S. 1014. An act requiring the commissioner for preparing and publishing a new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States to revise and perfect the index to the first volume of the same; and

It has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 1167. An act for the relief of Peter G. Mills.

H. R. 3874. An act authorizing the Secretary of War to transfer to certain settlers whose lands were included within Fort Hartsuff military reservation such portions as are not needed for military purposes.

H. R. 3974. An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1879.

H. R. 4242. An act to authorize the restoration of George A. Armes to the rank of captain.

H. R. 158. Joint resolution for the erection of a monument over the grave of Thomas Jefferson.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills (H. R. 1135 and H. R. 1412), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 1135. An act to authorize the issue of a patent of certain lands in the Brothertown reservation, in the State of Wisconsin, to the persons selected by the Brothertown Indians.

H. R. 1412. An act to prevent depredations upon property in the District of Columbia.

The Vice-President signed the two enrolled bills (H. R. 1135 and H. R. 1412) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bills (H. R. 1167, H. R. 3874, and H. R. 3974) this day received

from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 1167 and H. R. 3874 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, and that the bill H. R. 3974 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The bill (H. R. 4242) and the joint resolution (H. R. 158) this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Maxey,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 134) making further appropriations for continuing the improvements of Galveston Harbor and for continuing the work in Galveston Bay, State of Texas; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Commerce having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act making further appropriations for continuing the improvements of Galveston Harbor, State of Texas."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the bill of the House (H. R. 3740) to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for prior years, and for other purposes, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the Presiding Officer; and

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Mitchell in the chair) appointed Mr. Blaine, Mr. Windom, and Mr. Beck.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary have leave to sit during the sessions of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. McMillan,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims, in the consideration of the claim of Benjamin Holladay, have leave to employ a stenographer.

The Vice-President announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its last adjournment, viz, the bill (S. 35) to repeal the bankrupt law; and,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Matthews,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Ingalls that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary,

It was determined in the negative.

Mr. Matthews having withdrawn his amendment, and no further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 38 / Nays 6

On motion by Mr. Kernan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Coke, Conkling, Davis of West Virginia, Eaton, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, McPherson, Maxey, Mitchell, Morgan, Morrill, Oglesby, Plumb, Rollins, Teller, Wadleigh, Wallace, Whyte.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Burnside, Conover, McMillan, Saunders.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 927) to authorize the construction of a narrow-gauge railroad from Bismarck to the Black Hills; and

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Thurman, and the same having been amended on the motion of Mr. McDonald, was agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Kernan, the motion of Mr. Ingalls, and the motion of Mr. McDonald,

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act to authorize the construction of a railroad from a point at or near Bismarck to the Black Hills."

On motion by Mr. Eaton that the Senate reconsider its vote on the passage of the foregoing bill,

Ordered, That the consideration of the motion be postponed to to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Teller,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 655) to incorporate the National Pacific Railroad and Telegraph Company; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Railroads having been agreed to in part, and in part disagreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Teller, the motion of Mr. McDonald, the motion of Mr. Cameron of Wisconsin, and the motion of Mr. McMillan, was reported to the Senate and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

On the question, Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

The yeas were 18 and the nays 19.

On motion by Mr. Allison,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Booth, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin,

Chaffee, Coke, Conover, Eustis, Grover, McMillan, Mitchell, Morgan, Plumb, Rollins, Saunders, Teller, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bailey, Burnside, Davis of West Virginia, Eaton, Edmunds, Garland, Harris, Hereford, Johnston, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, McPherson, Morrill, Oglesby, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Whyte.

The number of Senators voting not constituting a quorum,

Thereupon,

The Presiding Officer directed the Secretary to call the roll of Senators; and,

The roll having been called,

It appeared that a quorum of the Senate was present.

By unanimous consent the demand for the yeas and nays on the third reading was then withdrawn; and,

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Morrill and the motion of Mr. Edmunds,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That the bill as amended be printed.

On motion by Mr. Allison,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Conkling, at 5 o'clock and 7 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1878.

Mr. Edmunds presented the petition of Elizabeth S. Roberts, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the legislature of California, in favor of an increased appropriation for arming and equipping the militia of that State; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Hill presented the petition of Alexander Moffitt, praying compensation for the use and occupancy of his property and for alleged damages thereto by United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Dennis presented a petition of vessel-owners and others engaged in navigating the Chesapeake Bay, praying the removal of the light-house on Greenbury Point, Annapolis Harbor, Maryland, to Greenbury Point Bar in said harbor, and for the erection of a fog-signal thereon; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Conkling presented the petition of J. Wall Wilson, and a petition of citizens of New York and Brooklyn in his behalf, praying the passage of a law restoring him to his original position of captain in the Revenue Marine Service; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a petition of citizens of Chicago, Illinois, praying the establishment of a branch mint at that place; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of citizens of Philadelphia, praying the adoption of arbitration as a substitute for war in the settlement of all international differences; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of citizens of Philadelphia, remonstrating against the abolition of pension agencies; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the passage of a law granting aid in the construction of the Texas Pacific Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a petition of citizens of Philadelphia, praying the passage of a law providing for aid by way of compensation to ocean mail-steamship lines for carrying the United States mails between this and foreign countries; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the legislature of California, in favor of the passage of a law for the restoration of Major Joseph B. Collins to his former position in the Army; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Maxey presented a memorial of Somerville and Davis, of Galveston, Texas, praying to have refunded them certain moneys alleged to have been wrongfully collected by the collector of customs of the port of Boston upon certain iron cotton-ties imported by them; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kernan presented a memorial of the Musical Mutual Protective Union of New York, praying the passage of a law prohibiting United States military bandsmen from making or accepting engagements as musicians for any public or private entertainment; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Davis, of West Virginia, presented the petition of J. F. Caldwell, of Lewisburg, West Virginia, praying the passage of a law to confer upon him the authority to construct a certain kind of railroad, which he claims to have invented, for the crossing of streams under water; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Dennis presented the petition of Perry E. Brocchus, administrator of the estate of Augustine Maurin, deceased, praying the passage of a law authorizing the payment of the amount of a draft drawn by Colonel John B. Grayson at Santa Fé, New Mexico, May 4, 1861, for supplies furnished United States troops, and which draft it is alleged is lost; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate a letter of the secretary of the Territory of New Mexico, transmitting memorials of the legislative assembly of that Territory in relation to the following subjects, and praying legislation thereon, viz:

The settlement of land-grants;

Public lands and their survey and sale;

Additional telegraph communication;

The tariff on wool;

That the Navajo Indians be kept on their reservation;

The town-site of Lincoln;

For additional mail-service; and

For filling a vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Chief Justice Henry L. Waldo.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Territories.

Mr. Conover presented additional papers in relation to the application of Agatha O'Brien for a pension; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3679) to amend a joint resolution authorizing the

Secretary of War to issue arms, approved July 3, 1876, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 27) for the relief of Amos B. Ferguson, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 258) thereon.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1073) granting lands to the State of Minnesota in lieu of certain lands heretofore granted to said State, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 259) thereon.

Mr. Garland, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 490) supplementary to an act entitled "An act in relation to the Hot Springs reservation in the State of Arkansas," approved March 3, 1877, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 785) to provide for building a military post for the protection of the citizens of the Black Hills region, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 261) thereon.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1887) to extend the provisions of section 3297 of the Revised Statutes to other institutions of learning, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Samson Goliah, praying for the removal of the order of dishonorable discharge against him on the muster-rolls, and an honorable discharge substituted therefor, submitted a report (No. 260) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1096) for the relief of Samson Goliah; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Grover,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1015) extending the time to construct and complete the Northern Pacific Railroad, and that it be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Conkling: A bill (S. 1097) for the relief of J. Wall Wilson; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Saulsbury: A bill (S. 1093) to transfer Paymaster Robert Burton Rodney from the retired-list to the active-list of the Navy; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Edmunds: A bill (S. 1099) to provide for the settlement of tax-lien certificates erroneously issued by the late authorities of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Edmunds: A bill (S. 1100) to correct an error in section 4390 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; to the Committee on the Revision of the Laws.

By Mr. Edmunds: A bill (S. 1101) to increase the pension of Mrs. Elizabeth S. Roberts; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. McDonald: A bill (S. 1102) to authorize the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois to bring and prosecute suits against the United States to recover money due on account of the proceeds of the sales of public lands; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 1103) declaring the true construction of a certain statute therein mentioned; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Conover: A bill (S. 1104) granting a pension to Mrs. Agatha O'Brien; to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sargent submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be instructed to transmit to the Senate copies of the proceedings of the various boards convened for the examination of Captain Somerville Nicholson and Captain William N. Jeffers, for promotion, and the various orders convening said board, and orders setting aside or approving their proceedings, and any other papers connected with the subject.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution submitted by him March 20, 1878, calling for information in relation to the employment of W. R. Whittaker in the internal-revenue service, or as assistant treasurer at New Orleans; and,

After debate,

The resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of West Virginia,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him March 26, 1878, calling for information relative to balances due from collectors of internal revenue who were out of office June 30, 1870, and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Conkling, the resolution, as amended, was agreed to as follows:

Whereas, on the 18th day of February, 1871, the Secretary of the Treasury, in obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives adopted December 13, 1870, made a statement (Ex. Doc. 140, 3d sess. 41st Cong.) showing balances due from collectors of internal revenue who were out of office on the 30th day of June, 1870, from which it appears there was due on that day from collectors not in office the sum of $20,700,983.33: Therefore,

Be it resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to report to the Senate what amount or portion of this sum has been since collected and paid into the Treasury; what amount, if any, has been settled by compromise, and the facts touching each compromise made, by whom recommended, and the amount realized; what amount or portion of said sum of $20,700,983.33 remains unpaid, and, if any balance is still due, what steps have been taken to enforce payment of the same; also, to report the amounts due by internal-revenue collectors on the 1st day of July, 1875, and how much, if any, of such amounts remain unpaid, and also the nature and classes, or the items of indebtedness.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution yesterday submitted by him, providing for proceeding to the consideration of the calendar to-morrow at one o'clock; and

The resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 875) to provide a fire-proof building for the use of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the mechanical branches of the Treasury and other departments; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

On motion by Mr. Mitchell,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 238) to extend the time for the construction and completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad; and, by a readjustment of the grants

without increasing the appropriation, to secure the construction of the Portland, Salt Lake and South Pass Railroad; and,

On motion by Mr. Mitchell,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Railroads.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That the letter of the Secretary of the Navy, communicating information in relation to existing vacancies in the naval establishment above the grade of captain, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance have leave to sit during the sessions of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

Ordered, That the select committee, authorized by the resolution of the Senate of the 4th instant to consider the propriety of making some provision for taking the tenth census, be appointed by the Vice-President; and

The Vice-President appointed Mr. Morrill, Mr. Sargent, Mr. Cameron of Wisconsin, Mr. Matthews, Mr. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Kernan, and Mr. Morgan.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the bill of the Senate (S. 1080) authorizing the issue of passports free to colored citizens going to Brazil.

The House of Representatives insists upon its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 3740) to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for prior years, and for other purposes. It agrees to the conference, asked by the Senate, on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Foster, Mr. Blount, and Mr. Sparks managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 4286) to establish post-routes in the several States herein named, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills (S. 484 and S. 1014), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 484. An act to authorize the construction of a bridge abutment and approach within the Fort Riley military reservation.

S. 1014. An act requiring the commissioner for preparing and publishing a new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States, to revise and perfect the index to the first volume of the same.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 238) to extend the time for the construction and completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and, by a readjustment of the grants without increasing the appropriation, to secure the construction of the Portland, Salt Lake and South Pass Railroad, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1015) extending the time to construct and complete the Northern Pacific Railroad, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The bill (H. R. 4286) last received from the House of Representatives

for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post Roads.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1047) regulating the appointment of cadet-midshipmen in the Naval Academy at Annapolis; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Naval Affairs having been agreed to, and the bill, further amended on the motion of Mr. Sargent, was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act regulating the appointment of cadet-midshipmen and cadet-engineers in the Naval Academy, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Rollins,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 933) to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund a certain tax erroneously collected; and the amendment reported by the Committee on the District of Columbia having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund certain taxes erroneously collected, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Plumb,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1021) for the relief of certain settlers on the public lands; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 655) to incorporate the National Pacific Railroad and Telegraph Company; and, having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Conkling and the motion of Mr. Ingalls,

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 39 / Nays 9

On motion by Mr. Whyte,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Coke, Conkling, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Edmunds, Eustis, Garland, Grover, Hereford, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Lamar, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Morgan, Oglesby,

Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Wadleigh, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Beck, Eaton, Harris, Hill, Kernan, McDonald, Saulsbury, Whyte.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act to incorporate the Cheyenne and Black Hills Railroad and Telegraph Company."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Eaton, with the consent of the Senate, withdrew the motion yesterday submitted by him that the Senate reconsider its vote on the passage of the bill (S. 927) to authorize the construction of a railroad from a point at or near Bismarck to the Black Hills.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Plumb,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 713) for the relief of Martin Clark; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Military Affairs having been amended on the motion of Mr. Plumb, was agreed to; and the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Plumb,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 859) for the relief of Charles L. Davenport; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Plumb, and the motion of Mr. Edmunds, was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives thereon.

On motion by Mr. Matthews that the Senate proceed to the consideration of executive business,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 26 / Nays 18

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Blaine, Bruce, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Edmunds, Garland, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Ingalls, Johnston, Kernan, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Morgan, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Booth, Chaffee, Denuis, Eaton, Eustis, Harris, Howe, Jones of Florida, McCreery, Maxey, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Whyte.

So the motion was agreed to; and

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Whyte, at 4 o'clock and 20 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1878.

The Vice-President being absent, the Secretary called the Senate to order.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That in the absence of the Vice-President the Hon. Thomas W Ferry be, and he is hereby, chosen President of the Senate *pro tempore*.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Secretary wait on the President of the United States and inform him that, in the absence of the Vice-President, the Senate has chosen the Hon. Thomas W. Ferry, a Senator from the State of Michigan, President of the Senate *pro tempore*, and that he make a similar communication to the House of Representatives.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate the petition of Maria Hart, widow of James Hart, deceased, late a private in the One hundred and fifty-eighth Regiment New York Volunteers, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Kernan presented the petition of Asa Johnson, praying an extension of his patent for improvement in fastening sheet-metal to roofs; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Patterson presented a resolution of the legislature of South Carolina, in favor of the passage of a law declaring Port Royal, in that State, a permanent naval station; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Bruce presented a petition of citizens of Mississippi, praying the refunding of the tax paid on cotton for the years 1865, 1866, 1867, and 1868, and that it be returned to the States in which it was collected, if it shall not be claimed within three years; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dawes presented a memorial of citizens of Massachusetts, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dawes presented a memorial of the legislature of Massachusetts, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Patterson presented a memorial of John Campsen and Company, of Charleston, South Carolina, remonstrating against the extension of E. N. Horsford's patent for an acid substitute for cream of tartar for culinary purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Oglesby presented a petition of citizens of Decatur, Illinois, praying an increase of appropriation for providing arms and equipments for the militia of the several States; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dawes presented a memorial of citizens of Washington, District of Columbia, praying the passage of a law requiring the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company to vacate their present depot and the streets and avenues occupied by them, and adopt some other route to said city, and remonstrating against the exemption of said company from taxation, and praying that they be required to pay their just proportion of taxes; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Dawes presented a petition of citizens of Massachusetts, praying the repeal of the so-called resumption act; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Oglesby presented a resolution of the Patent Office Bar Association of Washington, District of Columbia, in relation to the bills (S. 897 and H. R. 3615) on the subject of the organization of a court in the Patent Office to adjudicate cases appealed from the decision of the board of examiners; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of Maria C. Fitzhugh and Ann C. Carroll, trustees, &c., and heirs of Daniel Carroll, deceased, praying compensation for alleged damages to property in Washington, District of Columbia, by reason of street improvement under direction of the late board of public works, to be released from the payment of the amount assessed against said property for special improvement purposes, and also proposing to sell and transfer said property to the government; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Dawes presented a letter of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, relating to the transfer of title to square 109, known as the Holmead Cemetery, to the city of Washington, District of Columbia, for the benefit of the public schools; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

Ordered, That the petition of H. W. Read, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 112) to make an additional Article of War, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 262) thereon.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1855) for the relief of John C. Ray, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 263) thereon.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3121) for the relief of Numis H. Coverdale, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 963) to amend the record of a naval officer, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 264) thereon.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 430) authorizing the appointment of Acting Passed Assistant Surgeon Francis V. Greene as surgeon in the Navy, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 265) thereon.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 537) for the relief of Naval Constructor Theodore D. Wilson, of the Navy, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 266) thereon.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 507) for the relief of Dr. Edward Evers, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 267) thereon.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 762) granting a pension to John S. Hall, of West Virginia, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 268) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 430, S. 537, S. 507, H. R. 762) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

the bill (H. R. 2818) to authorize T. and J. W. Gaff and Company to use a certain building in the city of Aurora, Indiana, for the rectification of distilled spirits, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 184) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to transfer to the Secretary of the Interior, for entry and sale, all lands in the State of Florida not needed for naval purposes, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Ferry, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 805) to repeal all that part of the act approved January 14, 1875, known as the resumption act, which authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to dispose of United States bonds and redeem and cancel the greenback currency, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 308) for the relief of Joseph N. Lewis, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 269) thereon.

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 267) in relation to distilling and rectifying spirits.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Kernan: A bill (S. 1105) for the relief of Asa Johnson; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 1106) to reimburse purchasers at direct-tax sales in Arkansas declared illegal by United States courts in consequence of a defective board of commissioners; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Howe: A bill (S. 1107) to authorize the appointment of stenographers to the United States circuit and district courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Dawes: A bill (S. 1108) to transfer the title of the United States to square 109 to the District of Columbia for the benefit of the public schools thereof; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Conover: A bill (S. 1109) to provide for the construction of a public building in the city of Tallahassee, Florida; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Windom submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved (*the House of Representatives concurring*), That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives be, and they are hereby, directed to adjourn their respective houses without day on Monday, June 10, A. D. 1878, at 12 o'clock noon.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Dorsey submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, directed to furnish the Senate with copies of any and all decisions of that department relative to the right of the Indians to impose taxes in the Indian Territory, and also copies of any and all papers on file in the department relating to the so-called permit-law.

Mr. Beck submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to furnish the Senate with all the information in the possession of his department

as to the total consumption within the United States of all manufactured articles to which tariff duties apply, including those imported as well as those produced in this country, with the proportion of each.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. 24) authorizing the President of the United States to appoint a commissioner to the King of Corea, to arrange a treaty of amity and commerce between the United States and the King of Corea, and to appropriate the necessary expenses in making such treaty; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the resolution be refered to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Burnside,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 178) to remove all restrictions now existing in regard to enlistments of the colored citizen in any arm of the United States Army; and,

The question being on the motion of Mr. Blaine that the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely,

After debate,

It was determined in the affirmative { Yeas ..... 38 / Nays 17

The yeas and nays having been heretofore ordered,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Blaine, Chaffee, Coke, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eaton, Edmunds, Eustis, Garland, Gordon, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, McPherson, Maxey, Mitchell, Morgan, Oglesby, Patterson, Randolph, Rollins, Saulsbury, Wallace, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Conover, Dawes, Ferry, Howe, McMillan, Matthews, Paddock, Plumb, Sargent, Saunders, Wadleigh.

So it was

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed indefinitely.

On motion by Mr. Harris that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (S. 855) for the relief of Warren Mitchell,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 25 / Nays 25

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Butler, Coke, Conover, Dorsey, Eustis, Garland, Gordon, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, McPherson, Morgan, Paddock, Randolph, Voorhees, Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Conkling, Dawes, Edmunds, Ferry, Ingalls, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Wadleigh, Windom.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Voorhees December 13, 1877, as follows:

Resolved, That it is of the highest importance that the financial credit of the government be maintained, and, in order to do so, the government itself, in all its departments, should in good faith keep all its contracts and obligations entered into with its own citizens; and,

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 42 / Nays ....

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Coke, Conover, Dawes, Dennis, Dorsey, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, McMillan, McPherson, Maxey, Morgan, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Patterson, Randolph, Rollins, Saulsbury, Saunders, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace, Windom.

None voted in the negative.

So the resolution was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by Mr. Hereford March 21, 1878, directing the Committee on Finance to report the bill to repeal the resumption act; and,

Ordered, That the resolution lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 492) for the protection of the salmon-fisheries of the Columbia River; and,

On motion by Mr. Mitchell,

Ordered, That the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed an act (S. 691) to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the sale of certain New York Indian lands in Kansas," approved February 19, 1873.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate:

S. 258. A bill to retrocede to the State of Florida jurisdiction over lands reserved for a dock-yard in the county of Escambia, in said State.

S. 365. A bill for the relief of Francis Guilbeau.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 26) to donate a portion of the military reservation of Fort Harker to the State of Kansas for the establishment of an educational or charitable institution, and to open the remainder of said reservation to settlement; and

The question being on the amendment reported by the Committee on Military Affairs,

On motion by Mr. Plumb to amend the amendment by striking out all after the word "that," in the first line, and in lieu thereof inserting,

The Secretary of War be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to transfer to the custody and control of the Secretary of the Interior, for disposition under the homestead or pre-emption laws of the United States, the military reservation of Fort Harker, in the State of Kansas, as set apart and declared by the President November third, eighteen hundred and sixty-six,

After debate,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 19 / Nays 24

On motion by Mr. Maxey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Blaine, Booth, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Conover, Ingalls, Kellogg, McMillan, Mitchell, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Coke, Conkling, Edmunds, Garland, Gordon, Harris, Johnston, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, McPherson, Matthews, Maxey, Morrill, Saulsbury, Spencer, Voorhees, Wadleigh.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On the question to agree to the amendment reported by the Committee on Military Affairs,

It was determined in the affirmative.

No further amendment being proposed,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 398) extending the act of July 2, 1862, entitled "An act donating public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts," to the State of Colorado, and for other purposes; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Public Lands having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Edmunds and the motion of Mr. Chaffee, it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended by striking out the words "and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bills were reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in:

S. 148. A bill to confirm the term, for the period of seventeen years from the date of its original grant, of the patent of Thomas A. Weston.

S. 259. A bill to revive and extend the provisions of an act approved June 8, 1872, granting the right of way, through the public lands of the United States, to the Pensacola and Louisville Railroad Company of Alabama.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read the third time.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Matthews, at 5 o'clock and 12 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* signed the two enrolled bills (S. 484 and S. 1014) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

Mr. Matthews presented a memorial of citizens of Ohio, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on imports, and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McCreery presented a resolution of the legislature of Kentucky, in favor of an appropriation for the improvement of the rivers of that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Kernan presented a resolution of the legislature of New York, in favor of such legislation as will give protection to immigrants and at the same time prevent them from becoming a charge upon the cities, towns, and counties of that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Allison presented a petition of J. S. McGregor and E. B. Ogg, praying the passage of a law for the correction of title to certain lands located at the Milan, Missouri, land-office by said E. B. Ogg, July 10, 1856, or the return to them of the land-warrant, or a duplicate thereof, with which the same was located; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Matthews presented a petition of the Maple Council No. 3, Sovereigns of Industry of the District of Columbia, praying the passage of a law providing the appointment of a coal-weigher and compelling coal-dealers to send the certificate of such weigher with every load of coal sold by them; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a memorial of the Missouri and Niobrara Valley Railroad Company, praying the passage of a law authorizing the President to designate the company to construct the north branch of the Union Pacific Railroad, provided by the act of July 2, 1864; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Beck presented a copy of an act of the legislature of the State of Kentucky, relating to the erection of a monument over the grave of General Zachary Taylor; which was referred to the Committee on the Library.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 8. An act for the relief of Othniel P. Hollis, of the Soldiers' Home, Augusta, Maine.

H. R. 99. An act granting a pension to Charles Slawson.

H. R. 124. An act granting a pension to James B. Treadwell, major of the Eighty-fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers.

H. R. 388. An act for the relief of William Roylston, late private Company D, First Regiment Tennessee Light Artillery.

H. R. 490. An act granting a pension to Rose Miller, widow of Reason F. Miller, deceased, late a private in Company E, One hundred and twenty-third Illinois Infantry.

H. R. 519. An act granting a pension to Ellen B. Foster, widow of Edwin R. Foster, deceased, late first lieutenant of Company G, in the Eightieth Illinois Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 532. An act granting a pension to John Frey.

H. R. 830. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth Teagarden.

H. R. 844. An act granting a pension to Mary Martin, mother by adoption of James R. Martin, late a private in the Fifth Regiment Vermont Volunteers.

H. R. 941. An act granting a pension to George Grove.

H. R. 1147. An act granting a pension to Catherine Brennan, widow of John Brennan, late private of Company B, Fifty-eighth Illinois Volunteers.

H. R. 1175. An act granting a pension to George Silvers, private Company E, Fifty-seventh Regiment United States Volunteers.

H. R. 1304. An act granting a pension to Anna M. Clippinger.

H. R. 1434. An act granting a pension to John Langland, late private of Company B, First Michigan Sharpshooters.

H. R. 1649. An act for the relief of I. Clinton DeWitt, of Canton, Bradford County, Pennsylvania.

H. R. 1688. An act to restore the name of Hamilton Ryne to the pension-rolls.

H. R. 1789. An act granting a pension to Miles L. Reed, of Newcastle, Indiana.

H. R. 1815. An act granting a pension to Florence V. Moore.

H. R. 1993. An act for the relief of Henry Rogers.

H. R. 2026. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Julia S. W. Evans, widow of Henry D. Evans, late first lieutenant of Company B, Thirteenth Missouri Volunteers.

H. R. 2176. An act granting an increase of pension to Mattie McTaggart, widow of the late First Lieutenant McTaggart, Seventeenth United States Infantry.

H. R. 2534. An act granting an increase of pension to Robert W. Livingston.

H. R. 2711. An act granting a pension to Thomas Buroughs, late a private in Company G, First Vermont Cavalry Regiment.

H. R. 2741. An act granting a pension to William H. Deery, Company G, Second Pennsylvania Volunteers, Mexican war.

H. R. 2769. An act granting an increase of pension to Catharine H. Gallagher, widow of Captain John Gallagher, late United States Navy.

H. R. 3080. An act granting a pension to Warren F. Wood.

H. R. 3098. An act granting a pension to Joseph L. Young, late a private Company C, Eleventh Regiment Maine Volunteers.

H. R. 3109. An act granting a pension to Margaret Kenah, widow of Patrick Kenah, late a private of Company D, First United States Artillery.

H. R. 3564. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Isabell Dunbar, widow of Daniel Dunbar, late first engineer on steamer Victor No. 2.

H. R. 3565. An act granting a pension to Dr. P. F. Reuss, late surgeon Seventh New York Volunteers.

H. R. 3566. An act granting a pension to Harriet E. Edwards, widow of David S. Edwards, late surgeon in the United States Navy.

H. R. 3567. An act granting a pension to James G. Mason, of Company I, Fifteenth New York Volunteers.

H. R. 3568. An act granting a pension to Mary F. Thompson, widow of William Thompson, late second lieutenant Company E, Twelfth New York Volunteers.

H. R. 3569. An act granting a pension to Ovid H. Clark.

H. R. 3570. An act granting an increase of pension to John Murphy, late private Company F, Fifth Regiment United States Infantry.

H. R. 3571. An act granting a pension to Zepheniah Crubaugh.

H. R. 3572. An act granting a pension to Andrew J. Morrison.

H. R. 3573. An act granting a pension to Charles G. Galezio.

H. R. 3574. An act granting a pension to Thomas Pulling.

H. R. 3576. An act granting a pension to Catharine D. Hunt.

H. R. 3577. An act granting a pension to W. H. Gould.

H. R. 3578. An act granting a pension to Julia J. Wheeler.

H. R. 3579. An act granting a pension to Philip Henry.

H. R. 3730. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth Reese, widow of John Reese, a deceased soldier.

H. R. 3731. An act granting a pension to Rebecca T. Scott, widow of John B. Scott, late of the United States Army.

The President of the United States has informed the House of Representatives that he approved and signed, on the 10th instant, an act (H. R. 2287) to authorize the Secretary of War to prescribe rules and regulations to be observed in the preparations, submission, and opening of bids for contracts under the War Department; and

He yesterday approved and signed an act (H. R. 1412) to prevent depredations upon property in the District of Columbia.

The bills last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Harris,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Mary W. Rhett, administratrix, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 125) to change the name of the steamer George W. Elder to Columbia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 126) to change the name of the steamer City of Chester to Portland, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1016) to provide for the distribution of the awards made under the convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico, concluded on the 4th day of July, 1868, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1045) to provide for the administration of the oath of office to collectors and other officers of the customs in the district of Alaska, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Dennis,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1044) granting a site for a dry-dock in the city of Baltimore, upon certain conditions; and that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Committee on Railroads, submitted a report (No. 244 to accompany the bill S. 238) to extend the time for the construction and completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad; and, by a readjustment of the grants, without increasing the appropriation, to secure the construction of the Portland, Salt Lake and South Pass Railroad.

Leave having been obtained, bills and a joint resolution were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Kellogg,

A bill (S. 1110) to aid the completion of the soldiers' and sailors' monument at Chalmette National Cemetery, Louisiana; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Maxey,

A bill (S. 1111) for the relief of Somerville and Davis; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Beck,

A joint resolution (S. 25) to aid in the erection of a monument over the grave of Zachary Taylor; to the Committee on the Library.

Mr. Conover reported from the Committee that on the 17th instant they presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 484. An act to authorize the construction of a bridge abutment and approach within the Fort Riley military reservation.

S. 1014. An act requiring the commissioner for preparing and publishing a new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States to revise and perfect the index to the first volume of the same.

On motion by Mr. Garland,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 490) supplementary to an act entitled "An act in relation to the Hot Springs reservation, in the State of Arkansas," approved March 3, 1877; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Public Lands having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act to authorize the appointment of commissioners to determine claims, and for other purposes, at Hot Springs, in the State of Arkansas."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 3102) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, and making an appropriation for the same; also making appropriations for detecting trespass on public lands, and for bringing into market public lands in certain States, and for other purposes. It further insists upon its disagreement to the seventh and eighth amendments of the Senate to the bill, agrees to the

further conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Durham, Mr. Blount, and Mr. J. H. Baker managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the following bills of the House:

H. R. 536. An act for the relief of W. C. Snyder, of Illinois.

H. R. 2291. An act for the relief of Thomas W. Collier.

H. R. 3712. An act to provide for the erection of a public building in the city of Kansas, in the State of Missouri.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 4394) to prohibit the coinage of the twenty-cent piece of silver; in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed four enrolled bills, S. 1080, H. R. 536, H. R. 2291, and H. R. 3712, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 1080. An act authorizing the issue of passports free to colored citizens going to Brazil.

H. R. 536. An act for the relief of W. C. Snyder, of Illinois.

H. R. 2291. An act for the relief of Thomas W. Collier.

H. R. 3712. An act to provide for the erection of a public building in the city of Kansas, in the State of Missouri.

The President *pro tempore* signed the four enrolled bills (S. 1080, H. R. 536, H. R. 2291, and H. R. 3712) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 4242) to authorize the restoration of George A. Armes to the rank of captain in the Army; and,

On motion by Mr. Plumb to amend the bill by striking out the word "any" in line 12, and in lieu thereof inserting the words *the first*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 7 / Nays 47

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Davis of Illinois, Edmunds, Morrill, Plumb, Teller, Wadleigh.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Coke, Conkling, Conover, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Morgan, Randolph, Ransom, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 4394) last received from the House of Representatives

for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills and joint resolution; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 512. A bill in relation to the Pacific Railroads.

S. 559. A bill for the relief of James C. Rudd.

S. 850. A bill to authorize the restoration of George A. Armes to the rank of captain.

S. 17. Joint resolution supplemental to a joint resolution in relation to the International Industrial Exposition to be held in Paris in 1878.

Ordered, That the said bills be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 187. A bill authorizing the Commissioner of Patents to rehear the application of Stephen V. Benét for patent for cartridges.

S. 394. A bill to place the name of Daniel H. Kelly upon the muster-roll of Company F, Second Tennessee Infantry.

S. 998. A bill for the relief of George R. Dennis, of Maryland.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

H. R. 535. An act for the relief of the executors of the estate of John S. Miller, deceased.

H. R. 1411. An act to prevent the sale of policy or lottery tickets in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 1432. An act providing for the recording of deeds, mortgages, and other conveyances affecting real estate in the District of Columbia.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 195) to declare certain lands subject to taxation; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Public Lands having been agreed to,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 330) explanatory of section 1889 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and to ratify and confirm certain Territorial legislation, and for other purposes; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Territories having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 20) authorizing the citizens of Colorado, Nevada, and the Territories to fell and remove timber on the public domain for mining and domestic purposes; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Public Lands having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Chaffee and the motion of Mr. Sargent was reported, to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Gordon,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3739) to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious diseases into the United States; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Commerce having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Burnside, at 5 o'clock and 21 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of April 15, 1878, a copy of the report of the Hydrographic Commission, which was convened in New Orleans to examine and report upon the means necessary to protect the wharves and harbors from the incursions of the Mississippi River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the passage of a law authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at Memphis, Tennessee, until the proposed location of the same shall have been examined and reported upon by a board of competent engineers to be appointed for the purpose, and praying the appointment of such a board; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Eaton presented a resolution of the legislature of Connecticut, in favor of an appropriation for continuing the improvements of the harbor of Stamford, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wadleigh presented a petition of Elizabeth McNeil Benham and Frances McNeil Potter, daughters of General John McNeil, United States Army, praying to be allowed a pension on account of services rendered by their father in the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a petition of citizens of Michigan, praying the passage of the joint resolution (S. 13) proposing an amendment to the Constitution respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Oglesby presented a petition of citizens of Alexander County, Illinois, praying the establishment of a post-route from Cairo to Commercial Point, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of the Board of Underwriters of Philadelphia, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of Samuel Lowery, of Huntsville, Alabama, praying compensation for services rendered as chaplain United States Army during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Oglesby presented resolutions of the Veteran Club of Chicago, Illinois, remonstrating against the passage of the bill for the abolition of pension agencies; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Conkling presented three petitions of citizens of New York, praying the passage of the bill authorizing the President to place the name of General James Shields on the retired-list of the Army, with the rank of brigadier-general; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Garland presented a letter of the Acting First Comptroller of the Treasury in relation to the claim of James F. Bates and James Mitchell, jr., for balances due them for services for surveying in Kansas; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hereford, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 241) for the relief of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, at Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 270) thereon.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, asked and obtained leave to submit the views of the minority of the Committee on Claims on the said bill; which were ordered to be printed, to accompany the report (No. 241).

Mr. Dawes, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the bill (S. 994) for the relief of Albert Ordway, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Rollins, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1088) to provide for the revision and correction of assessments for special improvements in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Hereford, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Claude H. Masten, praying payment for the use of a private hospital occupied by officers of the United States Army, in 1865, submitted a report (No. 271) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1112) for the relief of Claude H. Masten, surviving partner of the firm of Le Vert & Masten, of Mobile, Alabama, and the children of Octavia Le Vert, deceased; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills and a joint resolution were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Barnum: A bill (S. 1113) for the relief of property-owners in

square 382 in the city of Washington; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Maxey: A bill (S. 1114) to amend the 103d article of war; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Garland: A bill (S. 1115) for the relief of James F. Bates and James Mitchell; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Kernan: A bill (S. 1116) authorizing the Secretary of War to detail an officer of the Army to take command of the expedition being fitted out by Messrs. Morrison and Brown, citizens of New York, to search for the records of Sir John Franklin's expedition, and to issue to such officer Army equipments and ammunition; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Grover; A bill (S 1117) for the relief of Alexander McNary and John H. Taylor; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Harris: A bill (S. 1118) to repeal section 2412 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which provides for a tax on the notes of State Banking Associations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Wallace: A bill (S. 1119) for the relief of Bird L. Fletcher; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Conkling: A bill (S. 1120) for the relief of Samuel Lowery; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Plumb: A joint resolution (S. 26) instructing the Attorney-General of the United States to bring suits in the name of the United States to set aside certain patents to lands of the Black Bob band of Shawnee Indians; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Blaine submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That any radical change in our present tariff laws would, in the judgment of the Senate, be inopportune, would needlessly derange the business interests of the country, and would seriously retard that return to prosperity for which all should earnestly co-operate.

Resolved, That, in the judgment of the Senate, it should be the fixed policy of this government to so maintain our tariff for revenue as to afford adequate protection to American labor.

On motion by Mr. Mitchell,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 238) to extend the time for the construction and completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad; and, by a readjustment of the grants, without increasing the appropriation; to secure the construction of the Portland, Salt Lake and South Pass Railroad; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 3739) to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious diseases into the United States.

The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the following bills of the Senate:

S. 120. An act authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue an American register to the Canadian-built propeller East by the name of Kent.

S. 870. An act granting a pension to Rebecca and Augusta Miller, daughters of Brigadier-General James Miller, of the war of 1812.

S. 1045. An act to provide for the administration of the oath of office to the collectors and other officers of the customs in the district of Alaska.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill of the Senate (S. 931) granting a pension to James Shields, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate; and

Has passed the following bills and joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

H. R. 4055. An act to create a revenue in the District of Columbia by levying a tax upon all dogs therein, to make such dogs personal property, and for other purposes.

H. R. 4222. An act to provide for a deficiency in the appropriation for the public printing and binding for the current fiscal year.

H. R. 4413. An act to provide for the free entry of articles imported for exhibition by societies established for encouragement of the arts or sciences, and for other purposes.

H. R. 4416. An act referring the claim of the legal representatives of Captain John G. Todd, of Texas, to the Court of Claims.

H. R. 4420. An act for the relief of Horace E. Mullan.

H. R. 4422. An act to amend section forty-six hundred and ninety-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

H. R. 4425. An act to alter and amend a law of the District of Columbia relative to the inspection of flour.

H. R. 4426. An act relative to the Washington Market Company.

H. R. 109. Joint resolution authorizing Lieutenant T. B. M. Mason, United States Navy, to accept a medal conferred by the King of Italy for extinguishing a fire on a powder-ship.

H. R. 162. Joint resolution for the relief of Bushrod B. Taylor.

The House of Representatives has passed the following resolutions, which I am directed to communicate to the Senate.

Resolved, That this House has learned with deep regret of the death of Hon. John Edwards Leonard, a Representative from the State of Louisiana.

Resolved, That this House do now suspend the consideration of all other business in order to pay appropriate respect to the death of the lamented deceased.

Resolved, That, in token of regret, the members of this House do wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House do communicate these resolutions to the Senate of the United States.

Resolved, That, out of respect to the memory of the deceased, this House do now adjourn.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed five enrolled bills (H. R. 3739, H. R. 4242, H. R. 535, H. R. 1411, H. R. 1432), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 3739. An act to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious diseases into the United States.

H. R. 4242. An act to authorize the restoration of George A. Armes to the rank of captain.

H. R. 535. An act for the relief of the executors of the estate of John S. Miller, deceased.

H. R. 1411. An act to prevent the sale of policy or lottery tickets in the District of Columbia

H. R. 1432. An act providing for the recording of deeds, mortgages, and other conveyances affecting real estate in the District of Columbia.

The President pro tempore signed the enrolled bills (H. R. 3739, H. R. 4242, H. R. 535, H. R. 1411, H. R. 1432) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 350) to amend section 2288 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, so as to enable citizens of the State of Florida to transfer a portion of their pre-emptions or homesteads to aid in the construction of railroads; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Public Lands having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 34 / Nays 6

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Coke, Davis of West Virginia, Dorsey, Eaton, Garland, Gorlon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kernan, Lamar, McDonald, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Sargent, Teller, Voorhees.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Conkling, Dawes, Edmunds, McCreery, Morrill, Rollins.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act to enable citizens of the State of Florida to transfer a portion of their pre-emptions or homesteads to aid in the construction of railroads."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 426. A bill for the relief of the Masonic Hall Company of Atlanta, Georgia.

S. 770. A bill fixing the compensation of the telegraph-operators of the Senate and House of Representatives.

S. 800. A bill for the relief of the heirs of Major D. C. Smith.

S. 902. A bill for the relief of Carl Jussen.

S. 909. A bill to authorize the Secretary of War to accept an absolute gift of land necessary for military purposes.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as foresaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bills were reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in:

S. 455. A bill for the relief of Patrick Sullivan.

S. 612. A bill for the relief of John A. Torrence.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 2818) to authorize T. and J. W. Gaff and Company to use a certain building in the city of Aurora, Indiana, for the rectification of distilled spirits; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1077) to relieve certain legal disabilities of women; and an amendment having been proposed by Mr. Sargent,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Allison, at 4 o'clock and 16 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1878.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented a memorial of the legislature of Wisconsin, in favor of the passage of a law for the improvement of the condition of the Oneida tribe of Indians located on the reservation in the counties of Brown and Outagamie, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Johnston presented papers in relation to the claim of Moses Myers, executor of the estate of Myer Myers, deceased, for compensation for the use and occupancy of the wharf and property at Portsmouth, Virginia, belonging to said decedent, by United States military forces, during the late civil war; which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Johnston presented a resolution of the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, in favor of a uniform tariff on imported sugar and molasses; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Johnston presented resolutions of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Cotton Exchange, in favor of an appropriation for the establishment of automatic signal buoys at the entrance to Norfolk Harbor; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Hamlin presented a memorial of citizens of Maine, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on imports, and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of the Philadelphia Board of

Trade, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Matthews presented a memorial of Thomas Worthington, late colonel of the Forty-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteers, praying the passage of a law authorizing his appointment to some position on the retired-list of the Army; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Johnston presented the petition of James Garland, of Virginia, praying to be allowed a pension from February 14, 1871, to March 9, 1878, on account of services rendered the United States during the war of 1812; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Wallace presented two petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the passage of the bill to aid in the construction and completion of the Texas Pacific Railroad; which were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Morgan presented a memorial of the legislature of Alabama, in favor of a grant of land to aid in the construction of the Tennessee and Warrior Rivers Railroad.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Saunders presented a memorial of the Portland, Salt Lake and South Pass Railroad Company, remonstrating against the passage, without amendment, of the substitute for the bill (S. 238) to secure the construction of that railroad.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Johnston,

Ordered, That Maria B. Wolfe have leave to withdraw her papers from the files of the Senate, on leaving copies of the same with the Secretary.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States has informed the House of Representatives that he approved and signed, on the 20th instant, an act (H. R. 1135) to authorize the issue of a patent of certain lands in the Brothertown reservation, in the State of Wisconsin, to the persons selected by the Brothertown Indians; and

He approved and signed, this day, an act (H. R. 4242) to authorize the restoration of George A. Armes to the rank of captain.

The bills and joint resolutions yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 4055, H. R. 4425, and H. R. 4426, be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia; that the bill H. R. 4222 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations; that the bill H. R. 4413 be referred to the Committee on Finance; that the bill H. R. 4416 be referred to the Committee on Claims; that the bill H. R. 4422 be referred to the Committee on Pensions; and that the bill H. R. 4420 and the joint resolutions H. R. 109 and H. R. 162 be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 931) granting a pension to James Shields; and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

the bill (H. R. 4394) to prohibit the coinage of the twenty-cent piece of silver, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 313) to repeal an act authorizing the coinage of a twenty-cent piece of silver, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 588) to change the rank of Robert C. Buchanan, colonel on the retired list of the Army, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 275) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 313, S. 588) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 19) for the relief of Captain James M. Beebe, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 272) thereon.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 827) to provide for the sale of certain portions of the Fort Leavenworth military reservation, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 273) thereon.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 151) directing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund to the society of the Sons of Saint George, established at Philadelphia, the sum of $1,440.25 in gold, being the amount paid by said society upon a colossal statue of Saint George and the Dragon, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 986) for the relief of William S. Morris, William S. Mann, Charles A. Oakman, George W. Hillman, the Union Transfer Company, all of Philadelphia; the Union Transfer Company of Baltimore, Maryland, and John R. Graham, late of Philadelphia, now of Washington, District of Columbia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 251) for the relief of James J. Waring, of Savannah, Georgia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1889) for the relief of David W. Cheeseman, of Lake City, in Lake County, in the State of Oregon, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the letter of the Secretary of War, of April 15, 1878, transmitting a communication from the General of the Army recommending the amendment of section 1216 and the modification of section 1285 of the Revised Statutes, submitted a report (No. 274) thereon, accompanied by the following bills; which were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent:

A bill (S. 1121) to amend section 1216 of the Revised Statutes.

A bill (S. 1122) to amend section 1285 of the Revised Statutes.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1048) for the relief of Ethan A. Sawyer, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Lieutenant Marcus W. Lyon and other officers of the Ordnance Corps, praying the amendment of the relative rank of certain first lieutenants of the Ordnance Corps, United States Army, submitted an adverse report (No. 276) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Albert Ivers, praying for an increase of pension, submitted an adverse report (No. 277) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Windom, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4222) to provide for a deficiency in the appropriation for the public printing and binding for the current fiscal year, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Morgan obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 1123) to grant certain public lands in Alabama in aid of the Warrior and Tennessee Rivers Railroad; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 1124) for the relief of the Winnebago Indians in Wisconsin, and to aid them to obtain subsistence by agricultural pursuits, and to promote their civilization; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dennis: A bill (S. 1125) to incorporate the District of Columbia Stock-Yard, Abattoir, and Rendering Company; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Johnston: A bill (S. 1126) for the relief of Moses Myers, executor of Myer Myers, deceased; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Johnston: A bill (S. 1127) to authorize the Washington, Cincinnati and Saint Louis Railroad Company to construct a narrow-gauge railway from tide-water to the cities of Saint Louis and Chicago; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Kernan: A bill (S. 1128) for the relief of Lyman F. Munger; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Edmunds: A bill (S. 1129) to amend section 4916 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to patents; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 1130) to regulate the foreclosure of mortgages, &c., in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, on the 19th instant, the act (S. 1014) requiring the commissioner for preparing and publishing a new edition of the Revised Statutes to revise and perfect the index to the first volume of the same; and

He approved and signed, on the 20th instant, the act (S. 484) to authorize the construction of a bridge abutment and approach within the Fort Riley military reservation.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce have leave to sit during the sessions of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Saunders that the Senate reconsider its vote postponing indefinitely the joint resolution (S. 17) supplemental to a joint resolution in relation to the International Industrial Exposition to be held in Paris in 1878,

Ordered, That the consideration of the motion be postponed to to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 238) to extend the time for the construction and completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad, and by a readjustment of the grants, without increasing the appropriation, to secure the construction of the Portland, Salt Lake and South Pass Railroad; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Railroads having been amended on the motion of Mr. Edmunds and the motion of Mr. Sargent,

On motion by Mr. Teller to further amend the reported amendment by striking out in section 10 the following proviso:

"*Provided further*, That all persons who, under the restrictions of the existing laws granting lands to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, have taken homesteads of not exceeding eighty acres, shall have the privilege of increasing the amount of their said homesteads by taking contiguous lands so that the aggregate taken by any one person shall not exceed one hundred and sixty acres; this to be done under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior;"

The proviso having been amended on the motion of Mr. Sargent by inserting after "homesteads," in line 5, the words *by taking contiguous lands;* and

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Teller to strike out the proviso,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 4 / Nays 50

On motion by Mr. Teller,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Kirkwood, McCreery, Paddock, Teller.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Conkling, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hamlin, Harris, Hereford, Howe, Johnston, Kernan, Lamar, McDonald, McMillan, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Morrill, Oglesby, Ransom, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte, Windom.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The reported amendment having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Bailey, the motion of Mr. Kirkwood, the motion of Mr. Christiancy, and the motion of Mr. Kernan,

On motion by Mr. Eaton to amend the reported amendment by striking out in line 23, page 6, the word "two," and inserting *three;* and also in line 29, page 7, by striking out "two and a half," and in lieu thereof inserting *four*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 19 / Nays 38

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bailey, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Davis of Illinois, Eaton, Garland, Hamlin, Harris, Hill, Howe, Johnston, Kernan, McCreery, McMillan, Maxey, Morrill.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Chaffee, Coke, Conkling, Dawes, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kirkwood, Lamar, McDonald, Matthews, Mitchell, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Patterson, Randolph, Ransom, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Teller, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The reported amendment having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Christiancy and the motion of Mr. Grover, was agreed to, and the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act extending the time for the construction and completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Paddock, at 4 o'clock and 50 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of March 18, 1878, information in relation to the necessity for erecting beacon-lights to mark the channel on the line of inland navigation through North Landing River, Currituck Sound, and North River, North Carolina; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented a memorial of the legislature of Wisconsin, in favor of the passage of a law for the equalization of bounties; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a resolution of the Commercial Exchange of Philadelphia, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Morgan presented the petition of Mary J. Padgett, praying compensation for property taken and appropriated by United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Morgan presented a petition of the heirs of Thomas K. Beck deceased, praying compensation for certain cotton seized and appropriated by United States military authorities during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of publishers and booksellers of Philadelphia, remonstrating against a reduction of the duty on imported books, as proposed by the Wood tariff bill, and praying the appointment of a commission of inquiry upon the subject of duties on imports; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Barnum,

Ordered, That Chester N. Case have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Bailey,

Ordered, That Mrs. Mary Ann Manning have leave to withdraw her petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 888) for the relief of James McGregor, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 281) thereon.

Mr. Teller, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 80) to reimburse the State of Kansas for expenses incurred by said State for the United States in repelling invasions and suppressing Indian hostilities, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 283) thereon.

Mr. Whyte, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 973) for the relief of Charles O. Allibone, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 284) thereon.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the following bills:

A bill (S. 71) to repeal an act entitled "An act to provide for the resumption of specie payments."

A bill (S. 597) to authorize the coinage of silver dollars for circulation, and make the same a legal tender, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 565) authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar, and providing that gold and silver jointly, and not otherwise, shall be a full legal tender.

A bill (S. 453) to remit the tax on insolvent banks in certain cases.

A bill (S. 237) to authorize the payment of customs duties in legal-tender notes.

A bill (S. 228) supplementary to an act entitled "An act to provide for the resumption of specie payments," approved January 14, 1875.

A bill (S. 273) to encourage and protect shipping interests and to revive American commerce.

A bill (S. 157) providing for coinage of silver dollars and for making the same a legal tender.

A bill (S. 86) to authorize the coinage of a dollar of 412½ grains standard silver, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 70) to repeal section 3 of the act entitled "An act to provide for the resumption of specie payments," approved January 14, 1875.

A bill (S. 68) authorizing the coinage of the standard silver dollar, and restoring its legal-tender character.

A bill (S. 31) to authorize the payment of 50 per centum of customs-duties in legal-tender notes.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Lieutenant-Commander James H. Sands, United States Navy, praying to be advanced ten numbers in his grade, submitted a report (No. 282) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1132) for the relief of Lieutenant-Commander James H. Sands, United States Navy; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of E. C. Clements, praying for relief, submitted a report

(No. 278) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1131) for the relief of E. C. Clements; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Whyte, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Commander William Gibson, United States Navy (retired), praying for reinstatement on the active list of the Navy, submitted a report (No. 285) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1133) for the relief of William Gibson; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Casper Wolf, praying for the payment of arrears of pay as captain of the Fifteenth Regiment New York Artillery, submitted an adverse report (No. 280) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Hereford, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of M. L. Gager, praying compensation for property alleged to have been taken by United States troops during the late war, submitted an adverse report (No. 279) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. McMillan,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 366) for the relief of Rollin J. Reeves.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1951) for the relief of John F. Sutherlin and Brother, of Parke County, Indiana, reported it with an amendment.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Eustis: A bill (S. 1134) to provide ocean mail-steamship service between the United States and Brazil; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Grover: A bill (S. 1135) to create an additional land district in the Territory of Idaho; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Morgan: A bill (S. 1136) for the relief of Miguel D. Eslava; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Morgan: A bill (S. 1137) granting a pension to Harmon Vann; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 1138) granting a pension to James E. Hargrove; and

A bill (S. 1139) granting a pension to Henry W. Altimus; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Eaton: A bill (S. 1140) authorizing the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Colorado River at Fort Yuma, in the State of California, and in the Territory of Arizona; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Dennis: A bill (S. 1141) granting the right of way through the military reservation at Fort Yuma, to the Southern Pacific Railroad Company; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Ferry: A bill (S. 1142) regulating the compensation for the transportation of mails on railroad routes; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Whyte: A bill (S. 1143) for the relief of Horace J. Gambrill; to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Dorsey submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into and report to the Senate the result of the late survey of the western boundary of the State of Arkansas; and whether the title to

any part of the public lands is in any way thereby affected; and, if so, whether any, and, if any, what, further legislation is necessary on the subject.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 312) for the relief of Robert Coles; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Public Lands, having been amended on the motion of Mr. Allison, was agreed to as amended; and the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the third committee of conference on the bill (H. R. 3102) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, and making an appropriation for the same; also, making appropriations for detecting trespass on public lands, and bringing into market public lands in certain States, and for other purposes.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 4236. An act making appropriations for the construction, repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes.

H. R. 4550. An act to remove the political disabilities of Thomas L. Moore, of the State of Virginia.

Mr. Windom, from the third committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 3102) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, and making an appropriation for the same; also, making appropriations for detecting trespass on public lands, and bringing into market public lands in certain States, and for other purposes, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. No. 3102) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, and making an appropriation for the same; also, making appropriations for detecting trespass on the public lands, and for bringing into market public lands in certain States, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 7, and agree to the same, with an amendment as follows: In lieu of "forty" insert "*twenty;*" and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 8, and agree to the same, with an amendment as follows: In lieu of said amendment, substitute the following:

For railway-post-office clerks, route agents, and mail-route agents, seven thousand dollars; and the Senate agree to the same.

WM. WINDOM,
S. W. DORSEY,
JAS. B. BECK,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
M. J. DURHAM,
J. H. BLOUNT,
JNO. H. BAKER,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and,

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (H. R. 2096) for the relief of James Fishback, late collector of internal revenue tenth district, State of Illinois; and,

The question being, Shall the bill pass?

After debate,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 37 / Nays 6

The yeas and nays being heretofore ordered,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bailey, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Dennis, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Jones of Florida, Kirkwood, Lamar, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Teller, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Burnside, Edmunds, McCreery, Merrimon, Morrill.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives hereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bills were severally reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in:

S. 260. A bill for the relief of H. A. Myers.

S. 334. A bill for the relief of William Bowlin, late of Company L, Second Arkansas Cavalry.

S. 520. A bill to authorize the claimants to certain lands in Santa Barbara County, California, to submit their claim to the United States district court for that State for adjudication.

S. 801. A bill to amend section 2403 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, in relation to deposits for surveys.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 956) for the relief of W. P. Grace, as the administrator of W. B. Gosa; and,

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. McCreery,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Morgan,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. McCreery presented additional papers in relation to the subject-matter of the foregoing bill; which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3068) for the allowance of certain claims reported by the

accounting-officers of the Treasury Department; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Claims having been agreed to, and th bill further amended on the motion of Mr. McMillan, was reported t the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a thir time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, th bill (S. 644) for the relief of Dwight W. Hakes; and having been amende on the motion of Mr. Edmunds, the bill was reported to the Senate an the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1224) for the relief of Will R. Hervey; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 31 / Nays..... 11

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators presen

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvani Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of West V ginia, Dawes, Dorsey, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Lamar, Creery, McDonald, McMillan, Maxey, Mitchell, Paddock, Patters Plumb, Sargent, Teller, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Davis of Illinois, Eaton, Edmunds, Hamlin, Ha Howe, Kellogg, Merrimon, Morrill, Rollins.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Represent thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whol following bills; and no amendment being made, they were se reported to the Senate:

S. 51. A bill for the relief of Albert Towle, postmaster at B Nebraska.

S. 342. A bill for the relief of Phœbe Henrietta Groesbeck.

S. 471. A bill for the relief of M. S. Draughn.

S. 594. A bill for the relief of William W. Spiers, late assist geon United States Army.

S. 878. A bill to disapprove and annul an act of the legislativ ... the Territory of New Mexico, passed on the 18th of ... vote of both houses over the veto of the

S. 906. A bill releasing the title of the United States in a certain parcel of land to the assignees of John Cutler.

S. 913. A bill for the relief of Nicholas Wax, Michael Granary, and Moline Lange.

S. 955. A bill for the relief of the estate of John Waters.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 185) to amend section 2931 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, so as to allow repayment by the Secretary of the Treasury of the tonnage-tax where it has been exacted in contravention of treaty provisions; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Finance having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Morrill, was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendments being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

H. R. 847. An act for the relief of Susan Robb.

H. R. 2884. An act for the relief of Samuel H. Canfield, postmaster at Seymour, Connecticut.

H. R. 4222. An act to provide for a deficiency in the appropriation for the public printing and binding for the current fiscal year.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 242) in relation to the jurisdiction of district courts in the Territory of Utah, in matters of divorce; and the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act regulating divorces in the Territories of the United States."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, at 4 o'clock and 9 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1878.

The bills yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 4236 be referred to the Committee on Commerce, and that the bill H. R. 4550 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of January 15, 1878, a statement of the issue of loans and Treasury notes from March 4, 1861, to June 30, 1877, inclusive, showing the title of each loan, the acts under which issued, the rate at which sold, the amount realized, the principal of each loan, the amount reissued, the premium and discount, and the amount received in coin, currency, or in other securities by conversion; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and ordered to be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Postmaster-General, transmitting copies of sundry communications transmitted to the House of Representatives recommending appropriations to supply deficiencies for the service of the Post-Office Department for the current fiscal year; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting a letter from Colonel Z. B. Tower, Corps of Engineers, inviting attention to an inaccuracy in the printed sketch accompanying the published report of the Board of Engineers in relation to the construction of a dry-dock on a portion of the reservation property at Fort McHenry, Maryland; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a petition of Nancy M. Richmond, and other citizens of Michigan in her behalf, praying she be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Johnston presented the petition of Thomas L. Moore, of Virginia, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Kernan presented the petition of D. M. Nagle, praying to be allowed a pension on account of services rendered the government by his sons during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at Memphis, Tennessee, until the proposed location shall have been examined and reported upon by a board of engineers, and in favor of the appointment of such a board for that purpose; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of the Philadelphia Board of Trade, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life Saving-Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any change in the rates of duty on imports and against the restoration of the duties on tea and coffee; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented two petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the passage of a law granting aid in the construction and completion of the Texas Pacific Railroad; which were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Allison presented a resolution of the legislature of Iowa, in favor of the passage of a law for the establishment of a water-line of transportation between the Mississippi River and Lake Michigan via the valley of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Allison presented a memorial of the Methodist Episcopal Preachers' Meeting of Philadelphia, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War Department; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a resolution of the legislature of Wisconsin, in favor of the amendment of the patent laws; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate memorials of the legislature of Wisconsin, as follows:

A memorial remonstrating against the proposed reduction of the tariff on imported wool.

A memorial in favor of the passage of a law providing for a tax on incomes.

A memorial in favor of the passage of a law providing for the deposit of savings and refunding the national debt.

A memorial remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign wools, and in favor of making the duties thereon specific instead of ad valorem.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate memorials of the legislature of Wisconsin, as follows:

A memorial in favor of an increased mail-service on certain routes in Door and Kewaunee Counties, in that State.

A memorial in favor of the establishment of a post-route from Wilson to Rock Elm Centre, in that State.

A memorial in favor of the establishment of a post-route from Terryville to De Soto, in that State.

A memorial in favor of increased mail facilities between Wauzeka and Readstown, in that State.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Allison presented a memorial of B. F. Overton and others, commissioners on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation of Indians, praying payment of arrears of interest claimed to be due said tribe, as provided by former treaty stipulations; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Morgan presented a copy of a report of the Commissioner of the General Land Office on the account of Monroe Donoho, late register of the land-office at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, for the first quarter ending February 28, 1861; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Mitchell,

Ordered, That the memorial of the Missouri and Niobrara Valley Railroad Company, presented by him on the 18th instant, be printed.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That Rollin J. Reeves have leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate the papers relating to his claim.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, that when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 20 / Nays 24

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Garland, Gordon, Johnston, Kernan, Lamar, McDonald, Matthews, Mitchell, Morgan, Randolph, Ransom, Sargent, Voorhees.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Barnum, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Edmunds, Ferry, Harris, Hereford, Howe, Kirkwood, McCreery, McMillan, Maxey, Merrimon, Morrill, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Wadleigh.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Kernan, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (S. 879) for the relief of Luther Hall, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by him March 27, 1878, to print extra copies of the report of the Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries for the years 1876 and 1877, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. McDonald, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 748) to amend an act approved March 3, 1873, entitled "An act authorizing the award to the Vincennes University of certain vacant and abandoned lands in Knox County, Indiana," reported it with amendments.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. McDonald: A bill (S. 1144) granting a pension to Sarah E. Shaffer; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Christiancy: A bill (S. 1145) to amend section 1485 and to repeal section 1486 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Morgan: A bill (S. 1146) for the relief of Monroe Donoho; to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Butler submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to communicate to the Senate any information in his department concerning the practicability and cost of constructing permanent works of improvement for the ship-channel at the entrance into the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina.

Mr. Matthews submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to report to the Senate what amounts of money have been expended for improvements of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers and intersecting canal

or canals in the State of Wisconsin; also how much it will cost to complete the said improvements so as to make the same navigable and useful, and what public benefit has been or is likely to be derived from such improvement and expenditure; also, how much money has been expended for procuring the right of way, flowage, or damage to private property; and how much money has been expended for attorneys' fees in settling rights of way; the names of the attorneys, and the names and salaries of all men employed as superintendents upon the said improvements.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to some and disagreed to other amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 3822) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the following bills of the Senate:

S. 15. An act to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862; and also to alter and amend the act of Congress, approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of the first-named act.

S. 149. An act for the relief of Charles B. Varney.

S. 378. An act for the relief of William L. Hickam, of Missouri, guardian of the minor children of Hillary J. Jenkins.

S. 706. An act authorizing the President of the United States to make certain negotiations with the Ute Indians in the State of Colorado.

S. 767. An act authorizing the Secretary of War to allow the interment in the National Cemetery at New Berne, in the State of North Carolina, of the remains of R. F. Lehman, lately a commissioner of the United States circuit court in the eastern district of North Carolina.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the resolution of the Senate to print ten thousand five hundred copies of the Report of the Smithsonian Institution for 1877; and

It has agreed to the resolution of the Senate to print extra copies of the Report of the Board of Health of the District of Columbia for the year 1877, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 1968. An act to provide for vessels of the United States hailing from places where they are owned or built.

H. R. 2486. An act extending the operations of the Light-House Board over the Illinois River, and for other purposes.

H. R. 3268. An act to authorize the North Louisiana Railroad Company to construct a bridge over the Ouachita River at or near Monroe, Louisiana, and a bridge over the Red River at or near Shreveport, Louisiana.

H. R. 4556. An act for the relief of F. W. Golladay.

H. R. 4568. An act to remove the political disabilities of Robert T. Chapman, of Wharton County, Texas.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed five enrolled bills (S. 120, S. 870, S. 1045, H. R. 2818, H. R. 4394), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 120. An act authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue an American register to the Canadian-built propeller East by the name of Kent.

S. 870. An act granting a pension to Rebecca and Augusta Miller, daughters of Brigadier-General James Miller, of the war of 1812.

S. 1045. An act to provide for the administration of the oath of office to collectors and other officers of the customs in the district of Alaska.

H. R. 2818. An act to authorize T. and J. W. Gaff and Company to use a certain building in the city of Aurora, Indiana, for the rectification of distilled spirits.

H. R. 4394. An act to prohibit the coinage of the twenty-cent piece of silver.

The President *pro tempore* signed the five enrolled bills (S. 120, S. 870, S. 1045, H. R. 2818, H. R. 4394) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the bill of the House (H. R. 3822) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Sargent, Mr. Dorsey, and Mr. Beck.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Rollins,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1088) to provide for the revision and correction of assessments for special improvements in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; and,

The question being on the amendment reported by the Committee on the District of Columbia,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 926) for the sale of timber-lands in the States of California and Oregon and in Washington Territory; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Public Lands having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Sargent and the motion of Mr. Mitchell was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 43) providing for taking testimony and collecting information to

be used by Congress; and the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act to provide for taking testimony to be used before Congress in cases of private claims against the United States."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 3740) to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for prior years, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate:

S. 231. A bill for the relief of Herman E. Davidson and the heirs of Charles H. Davidson.

H. R. 622. An act for the relief of workmen employed in the construction of Poverty Island light-house, Lake Michigan.

Ordered, That the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

S. 288. A bill for the relief of Gibbes and Company, of Charleston, South Carolina.

S. 319. A bill for the relief of the Metropolitan Police force, of the District of Columbia.

S. 797. A bill for the relief of Acting Master Robert Platt, United States Navy.

S. 889. A bill granting a pension to John Etzell.

S. 1031. A bill for the relief of the estate of E. Rouff, deceased.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 478) authorizing the Commissioner of Patents to extend the patent of Horace A. Stone for improvement in the manufacture of cheese; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bill and joint resolution; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate:

H. R. 1385. An act for the relief of the minor heirs of John H. Evans, deceased.

H. R. 78. Joint resolution granting the use of artillery, tents, &c., at the national soldiers' and sailors' reunion to be held at Marietta, Ohio.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bill and resolution were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The bills last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 1968, H. R. 2486, and H. R. 3268 be referred to the Committee on Commerce; that the bill H. R. 4556, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations; and that the bill H. R. 4568 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the resolution of the Senate to print extra copies of the report of the Board of Health of the District of Columbia for the year 1877, viz:

After the word "printed," in the resolution, insert the words "and bound in paper covers"; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bills were reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in:

S. 88. A bill for the relief of James W. Richard and J. S. Brown and Brother, of Denver, Colorado.

S. 337. A bill for the relief of Thomas H. Halsey, paymaster United States Army.

S. 824. A bill establishing the rank of the senior Inspector-General.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Ferry, that the Senate reconsider its vote postponing indefinitely the bill (H. R. 622) for the relief of workmen employed in the construction of Poverty Island light-house, Lake Michigan,

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Blaine, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 3740) to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for prior years, and for other purposes, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. No. 3740) to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for prior years, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 15, 16, 18, 19, 25, 28, 30, 31, and 37.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, 32, 33, 34, 35, and 36, and agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 12, and agree to the same, with an amendment as follows: Strike out of said amendment the words "and binding," and strike out "forty" and insert in lieu thereof *thirty;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 21, and agree to the same, with an amendment as follows: Strike out the word "fifteen" and substitute therefor the word *twelve;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 22, and agree to the same, with an amendment as follows: Strike out the words "two thousand" and insert in lieu thereof *fifteen hundred;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 29, and agree to the same, with an amendment as follows: Amend the title of the bill by inserting after the word "years" in said title the words *for subsistence of the Army;* and the Senate agree to the same.

J. G. BLAINE,
JAS. B. BECK,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
EUGENE HALE,
JAMES H. BLOUNT,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and,

On the question, Will the Senate agree thereto?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 36 / Nays 18

On motion by Mr. Windom,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Eaton, Garland, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Thurman.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bruce, Burnside, Christiancy, Dawes, Dorsey, Edmunds, Ferry, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Rollins, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Windom.

So it was

Resolved, That the Senate agree to the report.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, that the Senate adjourn until Monday next at 12 o'clock,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 38 / Nays 16

On motion of Mr. Rollins,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Bruce Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin

Christiancy, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Edmunds, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hoar, Johnston, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McDonald, Matthews, Mitchell, Morgan, Plumb, Randolph, Ransom, Sargent, Teller, Thurman, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Cockrell, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Ferry, Hereford, McCreery, Maxey, Merrimon, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Rollins, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer.

So the motion was agreed to; and

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating a copy of a letter from the Speaker of the House of Representatives in relation to the bill (H. R. 4292) to reduce the expense of the public printing and binding; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the chief clerk of the War Department, communicating, in obedience to law, the report of Brevet Major-General G. K. Warren, Corps of Engineers, upon the subject of bridging the Mississippi River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

Ordered, That the maps accompanying the report be referred to the Committee on Printing.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a memorial of the American Society of Civil Engineers, praying an appropriation for the purpose of continuing the triangulations of the Coast Survey in such of the States as the legislatures thereof shall make provision for the same.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a resolution of the legislature of Iowa, in favor of the passage of a law for the establishment of a water-line of transportation between the Mississippi River and Lake Michigan via the valley of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a resolution of the Mobile Board of Trade, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury to the Navy Department.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of invitation from the Sharpshooters' Union of the United States to the Senate of the United States to be present at the third national festival to be held at Union Hill, New Jersey, in June next.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Cockrell presented additional papers in relation to the application of Erna J. Crain to be allowed a pension; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Memorials, remonstrating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy Department, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Thurman: A memorial of citizens of Ohio.

By Mr. Hoar: A memorial of the Boston Board of Underwriters, and a memorial of the Boston Board of Trade, and other citizens of Massachusetts.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. McPherson presented a memorial of the Newark Stamping Com-

pany of Newark, New Jersey, praying an extension of letters patent for improvement in camp-spoons; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Hoar presented a memorial of the Providence Tool Company, remonstrating against the passage of the bill (S. 300) to amend the statutes in relation to patents.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Kirkwood presented four memorials of citizens of Iowa, remonstrating against the abolition of pension agencies; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Conkling presented a petition of members of the Maritime Association of New York, praying certain amendments to the navigation laws; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Hoar presented a memorial of citizens of Massachusetts, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Johnston presented the petition of T. G. Senseney and other heirs of the estate of Jacob Senseney, deceased, praying compensation for the use and occupancy of certain property belonging to said estate at Winchester, Virginia, by United States troops during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Sargent presented a memorial of the Vallejo Board of Trade, and citizens of Vallejo, California, praying an appropriation for continuing the work of constructing the stone dry-dock at Mare Island navy-yard; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Sargent presented a petition of Ben. Frank & Co., of Reading, California, praying that a duty of thirty cents per pound be levied upon all stereotype and electrotype plates imported into the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Matthews presented a memorial of owners and officers of steam-vessels at the port of Cincinnati, Ohio, praying the passage of the bill to amend the Revised Statutes concerning commerce and navigation and the regulation of steam-vessels; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Howe presented papers in the nature of a remonstrance of F. C. Suhrer against the confirmation of a claim made by Hannah M. Clark to certain lands in Florida; which were referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of Charles Harrison, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Ingalls presented a petition of citizen Indians of the State of Kansas, praying the passage of a law for an adjustment of their claims arising under the treaty of February 23, 1867; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Ingalls presented a petition of citizens of Kansas, in behalf of Daniel Smith, late a private of Company L, Twelfth New York Cavalry Volunteers, praying that he be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Kellogg presented a petition of citizens of New Roads, Louisiana, praying the establishment of a post-office at that place; which was referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. McCreery presented a petition of citizens of Kentucky, praying the passage of a law to authorize and enable Americus Symmes to accompany the Howgate expedition, in its explorations in the Arctic regions; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of James McCracken, praying to

be allowed a pension from September, 1871, to December, 1876; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Anthony presented the petition of Sarah C. Abbott, of Warren, Rhode Island, praying to be allowed an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. McCreery presented the credentials of John S. Williams, elected a Senator by the legislature of Kentucky for the term of six years, commencing on the 4th day of March, 1879; which were read.

Mr. Edmunds presented the petition of Lucia M. B. Peck, of Burlington, Vermont, praying to be indemnified for injuries alleged to have been done her husband and damage to his business by reason of his alleged wrongful imprisonment in the Old Capitol Prison, Washington, District of Columbia, during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Miltary Affairs.

Mr. Hoar presented the petition of Bushrod B. Taylor, commander, United States Navy, praying such legislation as will authorize him to appear before the proper board for examination for promotion; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 3068) for the allowance of certain claims reported by the accounting-officers of the Treasury Department; and

It has passed the bill of the Senate (S. 35) to repeal the bankrupt law, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives insists upon its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 3822) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, insisted upon by the Senate; it agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Clymer, Mr. Blount, and Mr. Hale managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 3987) to regulate the advertising of mail-lettings.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 1757. An act relating to vessels not propelled by steam or sail.

H. R. 4246. An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes.

H. R. 4549. An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes.

H. R. 4574. An act to remove the political disabilities of George S. Shryock.

The House of Representatives has passed the following resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That a joint committee, to be denominated "Joint Committee on the Census, be appointed to consider and report upon the proper measures to be adopted for the taking of the next census; and that said committee may report by bill or otherwise.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed thirteen

enrolled bills (S. 149, S. 378, S. 706, S. 767, H. R. 847, H. R. 1224, H. R. 1385, H. R. 2096, H. R. 2884, H. R. 3068, H. R. 3102, H. R. 3740, H. R. 4222) and an enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 78), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolution:

S. 149. An act for the relief of Charles B. Varney.

S. 378. An act for the relief of William L. Hickam, of Missouri, guardian of the minor children of Hillary J. Jenkin.

S. 706. An act authorizing the President of the United States to make certain negotiations with the Ute Indians in the State of Colorado.

S. 767. An act authorizing the Secretary of War to allow the interment in the national cemetery at New Berne, in the State of North Carolina, of the remains of the late R. F. Lehman, lately a commissioner of the United States circuit court in the eastern district of North Carolina.

H. R. 847. An act for the relief of Susan Robb.

H. R. 1224. An act for the relief of Will R. Hervey.

H. R. 1385. An act for the relief of the minor heirs of John H. Evans, deceased.

H. R. 2096. An act for the relief of James Fishback, late a collector of internal revenue, tenth district, State of Illinois.

H. R. 2884. An act for the relief of Samuel H. Canfield, postmaster at Seymour, Connecticut.

H. R. 3068. An act for the allowance of certain claims reported by the accounting officers of the Treasury Department.

H. R. 3102. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, and making an appropriation for the same; also, making appropriations for detecting trespass on public lands, and for bringing into market public lands in certain States, and for other purposes.

H. R. 3740. An act to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for prior years, for subsistence of the Army and for other purposes.

H. R. 4222. An act to provide for a deficiency in the appropriation for the public printing and binding for the current fiscal year.

H. R. 78. Joint resolution granting the use of artillery, tents, and so forth, at the national soldiers' and sailors' reunion to be held at Marietta, Ohio.

The President *pro tempore* signed the thirteen enrolled bills (S. 149, S. 378, S. 706, S. 767, H. R. 847, H. R. 1224, H. R. 1385, H. R. 2096, H. R. 2884, H. R. 3068, H. R. 3102, H. R. 3740, H. R. 4222) and the enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 78), and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 757) to provide for building a military post for the protection of the northern frontier of Montana, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 286) thereon.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 744) granting a pension to Sarah McCooey, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 287) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 932) granting a pension to Cornelius Le Roy, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 288) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 524) granting a pension to Lemuel L. Lawrence, late a

second lieutenant in Company B, in the Sixth Regiment Illinois Cavalry Volunteers, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 289) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1975) to amend an act granting a pension to William Hafford, of South Yarmouth, Massachusetts, approved May 8, 1874, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 290) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 849) granting a pension to James C. Downer, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 291) thereon.

Mr. Rollins, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4425) to alter and amend a law of the District of Columbia relative to the inspection of flour, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Saulsbury, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 150) for the relief of William McIndoe, postmaster at Lonaconing, in Alleghany County, Maryland, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Saulsbury, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1315) for the relief of C. H. Walker, postmaster at Frostburg, in Alleghany County, Maryland, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Saulsbury, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3071) for the relief of Samuel R. Atwell, late postmaster at Winchester, Virginia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 978) granting a pension to Hiram M. Kuhn, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 292) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 13) for the relief of Amy King, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 978, S. 13) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Wadleigh, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 387) to correct the date of commission of certain officers of the Quartermaster's Department, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 293) thereon.

Mr. Maxey asked and obtained leave to submit the views of the minority of the Committee on Military Affairs on the foregoing bill; which was ordered to be printed to accompany the report (No. 293).

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Otto W. Beall, praying for a pension, submitted an adverse report (No. 295) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Portman Swafford, praying for a pension, reported adversely thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Phebe Wilson, praying for a pension, submitted an adverse report (No. 294) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was re-

ferred the resolution submitted by him April 1, 1878, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire for what purposes the post-office building in the city of New York may lawfully be used, &c., submitted a report (No. 296) thereon.

Leave having been obtained, bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. McPherson: A bill (S. 1147) for the relief of the Newark Stamping Company; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Matthews: A bill (S. 1148) to amend section 619 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Edmunds: A bill (S. 1149) to provide for the service of process, in cases of interpleader, in the courts of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Christiancy: A bill (S. 1150) to amend section 5447 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Christiancy: A bill (S. 1151) to amend section 5497 of the Revised Statutes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Cockrell: A bill (S. 1152) to provide for the payment for certain improvements on lands now embraced in the military reservation of Fort Cameron, in the Territory of Utah; and

A bill (S. 1153) to provide for ascertaining and reporting the expenses incurred by the Territory of Idaho, and the people thereof, in defending themselves from attacks and hostilities of the Nez Percés Indians in 1877, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Beck: A bill (S. 1154) to incorporate the National Fair Grounds Association; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Beck: A bill (S. 1155) for the relief of William Hollaway; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Hoar: A bill (S. 1156) to amend section 4898 of the Revised Statutes; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Hoar: A bill (S. 1157) for the relief of Lieutenant Isaac S. Lyon; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Booth: A bill (S. 1158) for the relief of Miller and Richard; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 1159) to further define the rights of pre-emption entry within railroad limits; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Allison: A bill (S. 1160) to amend section 2441 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Dawes: A bill (S. 1161) for the relief of Marie Barton Greene; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Kirkwood: A bill (S. 1162) to amend the act relating to patents for inventions; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Cockrell: A joint resolution (S. 27) providing for transportation by the military authorities of John J. Manuel and two infant daughters from Camp Howard, Idaho Territory, to Saint Charles, Missouri; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Plumb: A joint resolution (S. 28) authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to lease certain Indian lands; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Dorsey submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to furnish the Senate with a statement of all the appropriations and expenditures from

the National Treasury for public and private purposes in the District of Columbia from July 16, 1790, to June 30, 1876, showing also the repayments, amounts carried to the surplus fund, receipts from sales of public lots, &c., with such notes and references as may be requisite for a full understanding of the transactions.

Mr. Dorsey, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate have printed for the use of the Senate one hundred copies of the arguments and evidence relating to the alleged violation of their charter by the Washington Market Company.

Mr. Allison submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into and report upon the validity of the so-called permit law which was enacted by the legislature of the Chickasaw Nation on the 17th day of October, 1876.

Mr. Hamlin submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a mail-route from Anson to West's Mill, via Stork's, in the State of Maine.

Mr. Hamlin submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads be directed to inquire into the propriety of establishing a mail-route from Hartford to Canton Village, in the county of Oxford, Maine.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, submitted by Mr. Matthews on the 25th instant, calling upon the Secretary of War for a statement of the amounts expended for the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers; and having been modified by inserting after the word "expended," where it first occurs, the words *by the Government of the United States*,

The resolution as modified was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Conover,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, submitted by him on the 20th instant, calling for information relative to the surrender of Cuban insurgents and the future policy of Spain in the government of the island of Cuba; and

The resolution was agreed to.

The bills (H. R. 4246 and H. R. 4549) this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3969) regulating the appointment of justices of the peace, commissioners of deeds, and constables within and for the District of Columbia; and the amendments reported by the Committee on the District of Columbia having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Ingalls and the motion of Mr. Hoar, was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 27. A bill for the relief of Amos Ferguson.

S. 893. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to examine the evidence of payments made by the State of Missouri since April 17, 1866, to the officers and privates of the militia forces of said State, for military services actually performed in the suppression of the rebellion, in full concert and co-operation with the authorities of the United States, and subject to their orders, and to make report thereof to Congress.

S. 1096. A bill for the relief of Samson Goliah.

S. 1066. A bill for the relief of Doughty and Card.

S. 1067. A bill for the relief of Thomas M. Simmons.

S. 1068. A bill for the relief of T. B. Kelly.

S. 1071. A bill for the relief of settlers on the public lands.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk.

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H R. 4658) for the relief of the public schools of the District of Columbia, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills and joint resolution; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

H. R. 1639. An act making an appropriation for pier-lights at the entrance of the jetties in the South Pass of the Mississippi River.

H. R. 1780. An act granting a pension to William S. Davis, late private in Company E, Thirty-first Illinois Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 3859. An act for the relief of Silas M. Norton, postmaster at Bristol, Connecticut.

H. R. 158. Joint resolution for the erection of a monument over the grave of Thomas Jefferson.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills and resolution were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 4658) for the relief of the public schools of the District of Columbia, this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, "Shall the bill be read a third time?"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 42 / Nays 7

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Coke, Conkling, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Dorsey, Edmunds, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Harris, Hereford, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls,

Johnston, Kirkwood, McDonald, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Rollins, Saunders, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Cockrell, Hill, McCreery, Merrimon, Saulsbury, Whyte

So it was

Ordered, That the bill be read a third time; and

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1015) extending the time to construct and complete the Northern Pacific Railroad; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Mitchell,

Ordered, That the said bill be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1073) granting lands to the State of Minnesota in lieu of certain lands heretofore granted to said State; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Public Lands having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1887) to extend the provisions of section 3297 of the Revised Statutes to other institutions of learning; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That is pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof:

On motion by Mr. Edmunds that the Senate reconsider its vote on the passage of the bill (S. 1067) for the relief of Thomas M. Simmons,

Ordered, That the consideration of the motion be postponed to to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (H. R. 4658), I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 4658) for the relief of the public schools of the District of Columbia.

The President *pro tempore* signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 4658) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Allison, at 4 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

ake provision for taking the tenth census.
:. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of citizens of
ısylvania, remonstrating against any reduction of the rates of duty
nported tin-plate; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.
:. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented five memorials of citizens
ennsylvania, remonstrating against the passage of the Wood tariff
which were referred to the Committee on Finance.
r. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a resolution of the Chamber
ɔmmerce of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in favor of the passage of a
granting aid in the construction and completion of the Texas Pacific
road; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.
r. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of the Philadel-
Maritime Exchange, remonstrating against the proposed transfer
ıe Life-Saving Service from the Treasury Department to the Navy
ırtment.
dered, That it lie on the table.
r. Kirkwood presented a memorial of John Edwards, praying to be
ed on the retired-list of the Army with the rank of brigadier-gen-
; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.
r. Ingalls presented the petition of Mrs. Carrie E. Anderson, pray-
o be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on
ions.
r. Bruce presented the petition of Adeline Shirley, praying compen-
n for property taken and used by United States military authori-
near Vicksburg, in 1863; which was referred to the Committee on
ns.
r. Plumb presented an additional paper of Elizabeth A. Bailey,
dian of Alice H. Peabody, to be allowed a pension; which was re-
d to the Committee on Pensions.
r. Wallace presented a memorial of the Chamber of Commerce,
ittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in favor of the passage of a law granting
n the construction and completion of the Texas Pacific Railroad;
h was referred to the Committee on Railroads.
r. Wallace presented two memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania, re-
strating against the passage of any tariff law in the present de-

the District of Columbia, Sovereigns of Industry, in favor of the passage of a law providing for the appointment of a weigher of coal, and requiring coal-dealers to send the certificate of such weigher with each load of coal sold; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. McPherson presented a memorial of citizens of New Jersey, remonstrating against the passage of any tariff law in the present depressed condition of industry; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Booth presented a petition of citizens of San Francisco, California, praying the passage of a law authorizing the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to extend its road until an eastern connection is made with the Gulf of Mexico; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. McPherson presented a memorial of citizens of New monstrating against any legislation affecting the duties on imports which is not based upon a thorough preliminary investigation of details; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kirkwood presented the credentials of William B. Allison, elected a Senator by the legislature of Iowa for the term of six years commencing March 4, 1879, which were read.

Mr. McDonald presented a memorial of Isaac B. Hymer and others, praying the passage of the bill (S. 1082) providing for the construction of a national railway from the Atlantic seaboard to the Pacific Ocean; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

On motion by Mr. Oglesby,

Ordered, That the petition of citizens of Plano County, Illinois, in behalf of Mrs. Mary E. Low, be recommitted to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Ordered, That Catharine D. Hunt have leave to withdraw her petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 120. An act authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue an American register to the Canadian-built propeller East, by the name of Kent.

S. 149. An act for the relief of Charles B. Varney.

S. 378. An act for the relief of William L. Hickman, of Missouri, guardian of the minor children of Hillary J. Jenkins.

S. 706. An act authorizing the President of the United States to make certain negotiations with the Ute Indians in the State of Colorado.

S. 767. An act authorizing the Secretary of War to allow the interment in the national cemetery at New Berne, in the State of North Carolina, of the remains of the late R. F. Lehman, lately a commissioner of the United States circuit court in the eastern district of North Carolina.

S. 870. An act granting a pension to Rebecca and Augusta Miller, daughters of Brigadier-General James Miller, of the war of 1812.

S. 1045. An act to provide for the administration of the oath of office to collectors and other officers of the customs in the district of Alaska.

S. 1080. An act authorizing the issue of passports free to colored citizens going to Brazil.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1114) to amend the one hundred and third Article

ill (H. R. 1451) granting a pension to George W. Wickwire, reported
hout amendment, and that it ought not to pass.
. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
ill (H. R. 2515) granting a pension to John Sheiber, late a private
e Twelfth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, reported it
ut amendment, and that it ought not to pass.
e Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills
94, H. R. 1451, H. R. 2515) as in Committee of the Whole; and no
dment being made they were reported to the Senate.
lered, That they be postponed indefinitely.
. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
ill (H. R. 4422) to amend section 4695 of the Revised Statutes of
Inited States, reported it with an amendment.
. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
ill (H. R. 3114) providing for an increase of pension to Charles H.
reported it without amendment.
. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
ill (H. R. 3105) granting a pension to Ruth Isabelle Naylor, widow
ptain Charles Naylor, of the Second Regiment of Pennsylvania
nteers in the Mexican war, reported it without amendment.
. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
ill (S. 969) granting a pension to Mrs. N. E. Belrichards, reported
hout amendment, and submitted a report (No. 298) thereon.
. Booth, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred
ill (S. 989) for the relief of certain settlers on the public lands and
ovide for the repayment of certain fees and commissions paid on
ntries of public lands, reported it with amendments, and submit-
report (No. 301) thereon.
. Wallace, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred
ill (H. R. 2132) to pay for clerical and extraordinary expenses
the seventh section of the act of August 18, 1856, in the Pawnee
listrict in Kansas, reported it with an amendment, and submitted
ort (No. 300) thereon.
. Butler, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was
ed the bill (S. 605) for the relief of William M. Kendall, reported

the resolution submitted by Mr. Beck, January 21, 1878, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to suspend further provision for the reduction of the national debt until the further order of Congress, reported adversely thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Mary E. Parker, praying for a pension, submitted a report (No. 299) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1163) granting a pension to Mary E. Parker; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of David Dimmick, praying for a pension, submitted a report (No. 302) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1164) granting a pension to David Dimmick; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Mary McAdams, praying for a pension, submitted a report (No. 304) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1165) granting a pension to Mary McAdams; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 1166) granting a pension to Mary Mitchell; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Christiancy: A bill (S. 1167) for the relief of the heirs of Sheldon McKnight, deceased, late of Detroit, Michigan; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Harris: A bill (S. 1168) to amend section 1225 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. McPherson: A bill (S. 1169) for the relief of George H. Cook and James Jenkins; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Howe: A bill (S. 1170) to authorize the restoration of Calvin T. Speer to the rank of second lieutenant United States Army; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 1171) granting a pension to Nancy E. Bell; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Bruce: A bill (S. 1172) for the relief of A. C. Crawford; to the Committee on Claims.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 3822) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 4663) to forbid the further retirement of United States legal-tender notes, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Paddock,

Ordered, That three hundred copies of the statement of John Roach before the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, on the subject of ocean-steamship service between the United States and Brazil, be printed for the use of the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed an act (S. 1080) authorizing the issue of passports free to colored citizens going to Brazil.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sargent, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (H. R. 3822) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 3822) making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 18, 19, 26, 27, and 28.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 29, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41; and agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 5, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: Insert after the word "for," in line 8, page 4 of the bill, the following: *secretaries to the Admiral and Vice-Admiral;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 7, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: After the word "Admiral" insert the word *or*, and after the words "Vice-Admiral" insert the words *when on sea service;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 10, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: After the words "Vice-Admiral" insert the words *when on sea service;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 11, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: Add at the end of said amendment the words *on the termination of its cruise;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 30, and agree to the same with an amendment, as follows: In lieu of the sum proposed insert *twenty-four thousand and eighty dollars and seventy-five cents;* and the Senate agree to the same.

A. A. SARGENT,
S. W. DORSEY,
JAMES B. BECK,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
HIESTER CLYMER,
JAMES H. BLOUNT,
EUGENE HALE,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 35) to repeal the bankrupt law; and,

On motion by Mr. Merrimon that the bill and amendments be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

On motion by Mr. Allison to amend the motion by adding *with instructions to report such amendments as will relieve the existing law of the defects which experience has disclosed;*

On motion by Mr. Thurman to amend the amendment by striking out all after the word "report" and inserting *the same with such amendments as they may propose to the Senate on Thursday next,*

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 19 / Nays 34

On motion by Mr. Beck,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bailey, Bayard, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Davis of West Virginia, Dorsey, Eustis, Grover, Johnston, McPherson, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morrill, Ransom, Saulsbury, Thurman, Voorhees.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Beck, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Edmunds, Ferry, Garland, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Hoar, Howe, Kirkwood, McCreery, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Wadleigh, Wallace, Windom.

So the amendment to the amendment was not agreed to.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Allison,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 18 / Nays 36

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Burnside, Chaffee, Dawes, Dorsey, Edmunds, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Merrimon, Ransom, Sargent, Saunders, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Conkling, Davis of West Virginia, Eaton, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, McCreery, McPherson, Maxey, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Saulsbury, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Mr. Merrimon to refer the bill and amendments to the Committee on the Judiciary,

On motion by Mr. Ransom to amend the motion by adding *with instructions to report the same with such amendments as they may propose to the Senate on Thursday next,*

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 27 / Nays 27

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bayard, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Christiancy, Davis of West Virginia, Dorsey, Edmunds, Eustis, Grover, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Kirkwood, McPherson, Merrimon, Ransom, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Thurman, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Beck, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cockrell, Coke, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Ferry, Garland, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, McCreery, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On the question to agree to the motion submitted by Mr. Merrimon to refer the bill and amendments to the Committee on the Judiciary,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas .....23 / Nays 28

On motion by Mr. Beck,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bayard, Burnside, Chaffee, Conkling, Dawes, Dorsey, Edmunds, Ferry, Grover, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Kirkwood, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Merrimon, Morrill, Ransom, Sargent, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Beck, Booth, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of West Virginia, Eaton, Eustis, Garland, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, McCreery, Maxey, Mitchell, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Saulsbury, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace.

So the motion was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That the bill and amendments be printed.

On motion by Mr. Allison, at 4 o'clock and 30 minutes p. m., that the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas .....37 / Nays 13

On motion by Mr. Garland,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bayard, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Chaffee, Christiancy, Conkling, Conover, Dawes, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Grover, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Plumb, Randolph, Sargent, Saulsbury, Teller, Thurman, Wallace, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Beck, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of West Virginia, Eaton, Edmunds, Garland, Harris, Hereford, Hill, McCreery, Maxey, Paddock, Rollins, Saunders, Voorhees, Wadleigh.

So the motion was agreed to, and

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a resolution of the Equity Council No. 5, of the District of Columbia, Sovereigns of Industry, in favor of the passage of a law providing for the appointment of a weigher of coal, and requiring coal-dealers to send the certificate of such weigher with each load of coal sold; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Wallace presented three memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the passage of any tariff law in the present depressed condition of industry; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a petition of business men of New York, and other cities, praying the passage of a law to facilitate telegraphic communication between the United States and foreign countries; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Conkling presented the petition of Florian Grosjean, of New York, praying an extension of his patent for improvement in spoons and forks; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. McMillan presented papers in relation to the application of the assignees of John Link, David Evans, Thomas Loveless, Aaron Link, and S. J. Harper, to have transferred to them certain Treasury drafts made payable to said payees; which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hoar presented a resolution of the Boston Board of Trade, in favor of an appropriation to enable the Light-House Board to introduce in the light-house service Courtney's automatic signal buoys; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Garland presented a memorial of the Choctaw Nation of Indians, asking for a settlement of their claims under the treaty of 1855; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Bailey,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of James H. Johnson, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

Ordered, That the Senate reconsider its vote postponing indefinitely the bill (H. R. 989) granting a pension to Mrs. Eliza A. Semple; and,

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Pensions.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States has informed the House of Representatives that April 23 he approved and signed the act (H. R. 535) for the relief of the executors of the estate of John S. Miller, deceased.

He approved and signed, April 29, the following acts:

H. R. 536. An act for the relief of W. C. Snyder, of Illinois.

H. R. 1411. An act to prevent the sale of policy or lottery tickets in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 1432. An act providing for the recording of deeds, mortgages, and other conveyances affecting real estate in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 2291. An act for the relief of Thomas W. Collier.

H. R. 3712. An act to provide for the erection of a public building in the city of Kansas, in the State of Missouri.

H. R. 3739. An act to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious diseases into the United States.

H. R. 4658. An act for the relief of the public schools of the District of Columbia.

He approved and signed, April 30, the act (H. R. 4222) to provide for a deficiency in the appropriation for the public printing and binding for the current fiscal year.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Mary Dove, praying compensation for the use and occupancy of her property by United States forces during the late civil war, submitted an adverse report (No. 305) thereon.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 714) for the relief of Joseph E. Moore, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 307) thereon.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 965) for the relief of Eunice J. Stockwell, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 308) thereon.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 367) for the relief of Louisa Albertson, of Dallas, Texas, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 309) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 965, S. 367) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1044) granting a site for a dry-dock in the city of Baltimore, upon certain conditions, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 311) thereon.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of R. W. Corbin praying for relief, submitted a report (No. 306) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1173) for the relief of R. W. Corbin; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Nannie Hall praying compensation for cotton seized by United States forces during the late civil war, submitted a report (No. 310) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1174) for the relief of Nannie Hall; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. McMillan: A bill (S. 1175) for the relief of the assignees of John Link, S. J. Harper, Aaron Link, David Evans, and Thomas Loveless; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Garland: A bill (S. 1176) providing for a commission to examine into the subject of the tariff, with a view of facilitating legislation in reference thereto; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Conkling: A bill (S. 1177) for the relief of Florian Grosjean; to the Committee on Patents.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed five enrolled bills (S. 15, H. R. 1639, H. R. 1887, H. R. 3822, H. R. 3859) and an enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 158), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolution:

S. 15. An act to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph-line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act.

H. R. 1639. An act making an appropriation for pier-lights at the entrance of the jetties in the South Pass of the Mississippi River.

H. R. 1887. An act to extend the provisions of section 3297 of the Revised Statutes to other institutions of learning.

H. R. 3822. An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

H. R. 3859. An act for the relief of Silas M. Norton, postmaster at Bristol, Connecticut.

H. R. 158. Joint resolution for the erection of a monument over the grave of Thomas Jefferson.

The President *pro tempore* signed the five enrolled bills (S. 15, H. R. 1639, H. R. 1887, H. R. 3822, H. R. 3859) and the enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 158) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 35) to repeal the bankrupt law; and

The Senate resumed the consideration of the said amendments; and

The first amendment having been agreed to, and an amendment to the second amendment having been proposed by Mr. Christiancy,

On motion by Mr. Matthews to amend the amendment proposed by Mr. Christiancy,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. McMillan to refer the bill and amendments to the Committee on the Judiciary,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 22 / Nays 31

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Burnside, Cameron of Wisconsin, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Dorsey, Ferry, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morrill, Ransom, Sargent, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Barnum, Beck, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Dennis, Eaton, Eustis, Garland, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Kellogg, McCreery, McDonald, McPherson, Maxey, Paddock, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Saulsbury, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Matthews, having withdrawn his proposed amendment to the amendment, moved to amend the amendment of the House by inserting after the word "thereunder" the words *and all acts of bankruptcy which may be committed or petitions which may be filed before the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine;* and,

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 25 / Nays 22

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bayard, Blaine, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Edmunds, Ferry, Grover, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Lamar, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Merrimon, Mitchell, Paddock, Ransom, Sargent, Saulsbury, Thurman.

se who voted in the negative are,
srs. Bailey, Barnum, Beck, Booth, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke,
s, Eaton, Eustis, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Kellogg, McCreery,
nald, Maxey, Morrill, Rollins, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace.
he amendment was agreed to.
the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Chris-
to the second amendment of the House of Representatives, viz:
he word "and" insert the words *all rights and proceedings incident*
or growing out of or dependent thereon, including all rights of
s and creditors, and all rights of, and suits by and against, assignees,
any or all of said acts, in any case heretofore or now pending, and,

as determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 29 / Nays 23

On motion by Mr. Beck,
yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
se who voted in the affirmative are,
srs. Allison, Anthony, Bayard, Blaine, Burnside, Cameron of
nsin, Davis of Illinois, Edmunds, Ferry, Grover, Hamlin, Hoar,
, Kirkwood, Lamar, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Merrimon,
ell, Morrill, Paddock, Randolph, Ransom, Sargent, Saulsbury,
lers, Thurman, Windom.
se who voted in the negative are,
srs. Bailey, Barnum, Beck, Booth, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke,
ing, Dennis, Eaton, Eustis, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Kel-
McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Rollins, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wal-

he amendment was agreed to.
er further debate,
motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois, to refer the bill and amendments
Committee on the Judiciary,

as determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 37 / Nays 16

On motion by Mr. Beck,
yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
se who voted in the affirmative are,
srs. Allison, Anthony, Bailey, Bayard, Blaine, Bruce, Burnside,
on of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Davis
est Virginia, Eaton, Eustis, Ferry, Grover, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe,
s, Kirkwood, Lamar, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Merrimon,
ell, Morrill, Ransom, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Tel-
urman, Wadleigh, Windom.
se who voted in the negative are,
srs. Beck, Booth, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cockrell, Coke, Den-
arland, Harris, Hereford, Hill, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Pad-
Randolph, Voorhees.
he motion was agreed to.
On motion by Mr. Hamlin,
Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business;

er the consideration of executive business the doors were opened,

motion by Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, at 4 o'clock and 17 min-
. m.,
Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1878.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of the mayor and other citizens of New York City, praying an increased appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Harlem River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Merrimon presented a petition of citizens of Boston, Massachusetts, praying the passage of the bill to provide for ocean mail steamship service between the United States and Brazil; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Dennis presented the petition of Levin P. Clark, praying an extension of his patent for an improvement in hydrants; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of Charles Harrison, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Plumb presented a memorial of citizens of Kansas, praying the repeal of the so called resumption act, and remonstrating against any further contraction of the greenback currency.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Memorials remonstrating against any change in the present tariff laws were presented as follows:

By Mr. Wallace: Several memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

By Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania: Several memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Coke presented a memorial of Humphrey E. Woodhouse, praying the passage of a law authorizing a rehearing of his claim against the Republic of Mexico by the United States and Mexican Claims Commission authorized by the convention of July 4, 1868; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Edmunds presented the petition of Jearum Atkins, praying the passage of a law authorizing the purchase from him by the government of his patent for an automatic rake for harvesters; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Burnside presented papers in relation to the application of the heirs of the late Captain George H. Derby, deceased, Corps of Topographical Engineers, for an adjustment and settlement of his accounts with the Treasury Department; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Gordon presented a petition of the executive council of the Osage Nation of Indians, praying that a certain sum of money be paid to Vaun and Adair for services rendered as attorneys for said Indians, the same to be charged against the said Indians in the adjustment of their claims against the government; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Morgan presented a memorial of the legislature of Alabama, in favor of a grant of lands to aid in the construction of the Warrior and Tennessee Rivers Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Gordon presented a petition of citizens of Georgia, praying the establishment of a post-route from Hawkinsville to Tifton in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Bailey, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to
was referred the bill (H. R. 430) for the relief of John Clinton,
aster at Brownsville, Tennessee, reported it without amendment,
ibmitted a report (No. 317) thereon.

message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its
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President: The President of the United States has informed the
e of Representatives that he approved and signed, April 30, 1878,
llowing acts:

R. 3068. An act for the allowance of certain claims reported by
:counting-officers of the Treasury Department.

R. 3102. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to em-
:emporary clerks, and making an appropriation for the same; also
ig appropriations for detecting trespass on public lands, and for
ing into market public lands in certain States, and for other pur-

R. 3740. An act to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations
e service of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30,
and for prior years, for subsistence of the Army, and for other
ses; and

this day approved and signed the following acts:

R. 1224. An act for the relief of Will R. Hervey.

R. 2096. An act for the relief of James Fishback, late collector of
al revenue, tenth district, State of Illinois.

R. 2818. An act to authorize T. and J. W. Gaff and Company to
certain building in the city of Aurora, Indiana, for the rectification
tilled spirits.

R. 2884. An act for the relief of Samuel H. Canfield, postmaster at
our, Indiana.

R. 4394. An act to prohibit the coinage of the twenty-cent piece
ver.

Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred
ll (S. 299) for the relief of the Baptist Relief Association of Puget
l, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Teller, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the
. 518) for the relief of William Smitha, reported it without amend-
and submitted an adverse report (No. 312) thereon.

Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred
ll (H. R. 1968) to provide for vessels of the United States hailing
places where they are owned or built, reported it without amend-
and that it ought not to pass.

Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said
S. 299, S. 518, H. R. 1968) as in Committee of the Whole; and no
dment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

lered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Plumb, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred
ill (S. 1087) to provide additional regulations for homestead and
nption entries of public lands, reported it with an amendment.

Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
ll (H. R. 97) granting a pension to William A. Miller, reported it
ut amendment, and submitted a report (No. 315) thereon.

Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
ll (H. R. 300) for the relief of Dudley A. Fish, of Bucyrus, Ohio,
:ed it without amendment.

Plumb, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred
ll (S. 959) for the protection of homestead settlers on the public

lands, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 313) thereon.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1271) establishing the salaries to be paid the collectors of customs of Plymouth and Nantucket, Massachusetts, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3123) extending the privileges of sections 2990 to 2997 of the Revised Statutes, inclusive, to the port of Bath in the State of Maine, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Thurman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 35) to repeal the bankrupt law, with the amendments of the House of Representatives thereto, reported the same with an amendment to the second amendment of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Dawes, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 152) to enable the joint commission to carry into effect the act of Congress providing for the completion of the Washington Monument, reported the same with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1025) for the payment of compensation to Edward S. Offley, late consul at Smyrna, Turkey, for judicial services rendered, and that it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3268) to authorize the North Louisiana Railroad Company to construct a bridge over the Ouachita River at or near Monroe, Louisiana, and a bridge over the Red River at or near Shreveport, Louisiana, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (S. 325) for the relief of Thomas Poultney, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 316) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (H. R. 3268 and S. 325) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, reported a bill (S. 1178) to provide for a fire-proof building for the use of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the mechanical branches of the Treasury and other Departments; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 1179) for the relief of the heirs of the late Captain G. H. Derby, United States Army; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Beck: A bill (S. 1180) to amend section 1471 of the Revised Statutes, concerning the relative rank of staff and line officers in the Army; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Windom: A bill (S. 1181) to amend the charter of the Metropolitan Railroad Company of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 1182) granting a pension to Louis J. Blair; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Dennis: A bill (S. 1183) to authorize the extension of the patent of Levin P. Clark; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Rollins: A bill (S. 1184) proposing a new form of government for the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 1185) for the relief of Watson Stewart; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Johnston: A bill (S. 1186) amendatory of and supplementary to the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Texas Pacific Railroad Company, and to aid in the construction of its road, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1871, and the several acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Kirkwood: A bill (S. 1187) to indemnify certain settlers in the Des Moines River Valley, Iowa; to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Hamlin submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That three hundred copies of the statement of Gardiner G. Hubbard on the subject of railway mail transportation be printed for the use of the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Cockrell submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That the Committee on Rules of the Senate are instructed to prepare and report to the Senate a rule which shall relieve the Committee on Patents from considering any bill, resolution, or petition for the extension of any patent.

On motion by Mr. Garland,

Ordered, That the memorial of the Choctaw Nation of Indians be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the bill of the House (H. R. 3987) to regulate the advertising of mail-lettings, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and,

On motion Mr. by Hamlin,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House, ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and that Mr. Ferry, Mr. Paddock, and Mr. Saulsbury be the managers at the same on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 120. An act authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue an American register to the Canadian-built propeller East, by the name of Kent.

S. 149. An act for the relief Charles B. Varney.

S. 767. An act authorizing the Secretary of War to allow the interment in the national cemetery at New Berne, in the State of North Carolina, of the remains of the late R. F. Lehman, lately a commissioner of the United States circuit court in the eastern district of North Carolina.

S. 1015. An act to provide for the administration of the oath of office to collectors and other officers of the customs in the district of Alaska.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Morgan,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1123) to grant certain public lands in Alabama in aid of the Warrior and Tennessee Rivers Railroad; and,

On motion by Mr. Morgan,

Ordered, That the bill be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn, it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 805) to repeal all that part of the act approved January 14, 1875, known as the resumption act, which authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to dispose of United States bonds, and redeem and cancel the greenback currency; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Saunders,

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by him that the Senate reconsider its vote postponing indefinitely the joint resolution (S. 17) supplemental to a joint resolution in relation to the International Industrial Exposition to be held in Paris in 1878; and,

On the question, Will the Senate reconsider its vote postponing indefinitely the said resolution?

It was determined in the negative, { .....Yeas 14 / .....Nays 34

On motion by Mr. Davis, of West Virginia,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Dorsey, Kellogg, McMillan, Matthews, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Saunders, Spencer, Teller.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Butler, Chaffee, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Eustis, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Hoar, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Morrill, Patterson, Sargent, Saulsbury, Wadleigh, Wallace.

So the motion was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Plumb,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 109) defining the manner in which certain land-scrip may be assigned and located or applied by acutal settlers, and providing for the issue of patents in the name of the locator or his legal representatives; and

The amendments reported by the Committee on Public Lands having been agreed to,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds to refer the bill to the Committee on Private Land Claims,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, at 4 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, MAY 6, 1878.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In answer to the resolution of the Senate of April 16, 1878, I transmit herewith reports made to me by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney-General.

R. B. HAYES.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, *May* 2, 1878.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting a copy of a communication from T. J. Spencer, brevet captain United States Army, in connection with the letters and telegrams from Colonel B. H. Grierson, Tenth United States Cavalry, published in Senate Ex. Doc. 52; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Oglesby presented the petition of George W. Matthews, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Oglesby presented a memorial of citizens of Illinois, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on imports, and against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes, or restoring the duties on tea and coffee; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Saulsbury presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the passage of a law abolishing compulsory pilotage upon vessels enrolled and engaged in the coasting trade and fisheries; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Merrimon presented three petitions of citizens of North Carolina, praying the establishment of a post-route from Morrisville to Rialto in that State; which were referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a memorial of the Board of Trade of Saginaw, Michigan, remonstrating against any reduction in the rates of duty on foreign lumber; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a petition of citizens of Manistee, Michigan, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at that place; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia, praying a continuance of the appropriation for the board for testing iron, steel, &c.; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Wallace presented two memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any change in the present tariff-laws; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of Alba F. Smith, of Norwich, Connecticut, praying an extension of his patent for improvement in locomotive engines; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. McDonald presented a petition of citizens of Indianapolis, Indiana, praying the passage of a law placing the name of John C. Fre-

mont on the retired-list of the Army with the rank of brigadier-general; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of New York, praying an increased appropriation for the improvement of the Harlem River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Cockrell presented a resolution of the Merchants' Exchange, of Saint Louis, Missouri, in favor of the repeal of the bankrupt law.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Burnside presented a petition of citizens of Rhode Island, praying the passage of a law placing the name of James Shields on the retired-list of the Army with the rank of brigadier-general.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Petitions, praying the passage of a law granting aid in the construction of the Texas Pacific Railroad, were presented as follows:

By Mr. McDonald: Two petitions of citizens of Indiana.

By Mr. Wallace: A petition of citizens of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Allison presented a memorial of the Six Nations of New York Indians in relation to the bill (S. 692) to provide a settlement with the Six Nations of New York Indians for unexecuted treaty stipulations; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Howe presented a petition of citizens of Wisconsin, praying the passage of a law providing for greater telegraphic facilities between the United States and other countries; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a memorial of purchasers of certain railroad lands granted to the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad Company, remonstrating against the confirmation by Congress of the action of the Michigan State board of control of railroad lands in deeding said grant of lands to the Port Huron and Lake Michigan Railroad Company; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented the petition of Sarah S. Flagg, widow and executrix of W. C. Flagg, deceased, late collector of internal revenue for the twelfth district of Illinois, praying payment of a balance claimed to be due her late husband for compensation for services as such collector; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Oglesby presented a petition of the board of officers Second Regiment Illinois National Guards, praying the passage of a law placing the name of James Shields on the retired-list of the Army with the rank of brigadier-general.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented the petition of Theophilus Fisk Mills, praying an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars to be paid as a reward to any American citizen who shall produce in wood a certain kind of two-foot measure; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

Mr. Rollins presented a statement of the clerk of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, in answer to questions relating to special assessment made by the late board of public works on property adjoining streets and avenues in the city of Washington; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. McDonald presented a memorial of the Evansville, Cairo and Memphis Packet Company, praying to have refunded the amount of certain moneys expended by said company for maintaining lights, buoys,

&c., on the Ohio River, from July 1, 1866, to November 12, 1874; which was refefred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Davis, of West Virginia, presented papers in relation to the application of James McGraw for compensation for certain property taken and used by United States military authorities during the late civil war; which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Matthews presented a resolution of the Columbia Council No. 1, Sovereigns of Industry, of the District of Columbia, in favor of the passage of a law providing for the appointment of a coal-weigher, and compelling coal-dealers to send the certificate of such weigher with every load of coal sold by them; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Cockrell presented two memorials of citizens of Saint Louis, Missouri, owners and officers of steam-vessels, praying for the enactment of a law amending certain sections of the Revised Statutes concerning commerce and navigation, and the regulation of steam-vessels; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

Ordered, That Anna M. Marshall have leave to withdraw her papers from the files of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 44. An act granting additional pension to John F. Chase, of Saybrook, Connecticut.

H. R. 79. An act granting a pension to Robert Butler.

H. R. 134. An act for the relief of Jacob G. Croman, of Dickinson, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

H. R. 147. An act granting a pension to Captain Robert C. Bramford.

H. R. 247. An act to grant a pension to George D. Phillips, a soldier of the war of 1812.

H. R. 270. An act for the relief of the widow of Captain Christopher M. Haile, United States Army.

H. R. 471. An act granting a pension to Martha J. Robinson, widow of James H. Robinson.

H. R. 473. An act granting a pension to Rebecca C. Reich, widow of Gideon S. Reich, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

H. R. 475. An act granting a pension to William Black, late a private in Company K, First Indiana Heavy Artillery.

H. R. 477. An act granting a pension to Anna Koeninger, widow of Louis Koeninger, late private Second Indiana Battery.

H. R. 480. An act granting a pension to William W. Stephenson, captain of Company H, Twenty-fourth Regiment Indiana Volunteers.

H. R. 511. An act granting a pension to George W. Wright, of Brown County, Illinois, a soldier of the war of 1812.

H. R. 530. An act granting a pension to James W. Thompson.

H. R. 629. An act to grant a pension of Thomas W. Hewitt.

H. R. 636. An act granting a pension to Oliver H. Irons, late sergeant Company D, Twenty-third Michigan Volunteers.

H. R. 642. An act granting a pension to Frederick W. Smith.

H. R. 705. An act granting a pension to Laura Seaman, widow of Elricy Seaman, a soldier in the war of 1812.

H. R. 734. An act granting a pension to Syvert A. Anderson.

H. R. 735. An act granting a pension to James H. Thew.

H. R. 767. An act granting a pension to Otis B. Anderson.

H. R. 848. An act for the relief of Francis B. McNamara, of Coudersport, Potter County, Pennsylvania.

H. R. 1043. An act granting a pension to William H. Walker, of Fentress County, Tennessee, late of Company C, First Regiment Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry.

H. R. 1348. An act to restore the name of Jesse Stallings, of Butler County, Alabama, to the pension-list.

H. R. 1616. An act granting a pension to William Blancett, of Patrick County, Virginia, a soldier of the war of 1812.

H. R. 1627. An act granting a pension to Jacob M. Groce, late a sergeant of Company D, Sixth Regiment Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery.

H. R. 1778. An act granting a pension to William Abendroth.

H. R. 1946. An act granting a pension to John McIntyre.

H. R. 1956. An act for the relief of Thomas Murphy, of Knox County, Missouri.

H. R. 1959. An act granting a pension to John Haley.

H. R. 2172. An act granting a pension to DeForest Doty, of Tinmouth, Vermont, late a private in Company B, Ninth Regiment Vermont Volunteer Infantry.

H. R. 2226. An act granting a pension to Charles H. Bugbee, late a private in Company A, Third Vermont Volunteers.

H. R. 2289. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Maria L. Maxwell, widow of William C. Maxwell, Company D, Twelfth Ohio Volunteers.

H. R. 2321. An act granting a pension to Andrew A. Gooding, of Fentress County, Tennessee.

H. R. 2351. An act granting a pension to Henry W. Higley, of Lena, Illinois.

H. R. 2520. An act granting a pension to George Andrews, private Sixth Maine Battery of Artillery.

H. R. 2623. An act granting a pension to Nelson M. Farrar.

H. R. 2791. An act granting additional pension to Mrs. Margaret J. Lovell, widow of the late General Charles S. Lovell.

H. R. 2936. An act granting a pension to George R. Whitehead.

H. R. 2961. An act for the relief of Jarvis Jackson, of Laurel County, Kentucky.

H. R. 3059. An act granting a pension to Jacob F. Ruth, late a private in Company I, Fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery Volunteers.

H. R. 3070. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Eliza Bayard Anderson, widow of General Robert Anderson, United States Army.

H. R. 3103. An act for the relief of Oliver Yake, of Sanilac County, Michigan.

H. R. 3166. An act granting a pension to Agatha O'Brien, widow of John P. J. O'Brien, brevet major, United States Army.

H. R. 3351. An act granting a pension to John Keogel.

H. R. 3438. An act granting a pension to R. G. Peterson, late a private in Company B, One hundred and twentieth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

H. R. 3440. An act granting a pension to George Fritz, First Regiment United States Dragoons.

H. R. 3575. An act granting an increase of pension to Josephine Da C. Thomas.

H. R. 3583. An act granting a pension to William Denene.

H. R. 3585. An act granting a pension to S. S. Whitney.

H. R. 3605. An act restoring the name of Marcellus Wilson of the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen in the Mexican war, to the pension-roll.

H. R. 3784. An act for the relief of Mary Murphy.

H. R. 3817. An act granting a pension to Annie Farley.

H. R. 4075. An act granting a pension to Ezra O. Nye, Company K, Nineteenth Michigan Volunteers.

H. R. 4294. An act to increase the pension of Mrs. Elizabeth S. Roberts.

H. R. 4326. An act granting a pension to Charles Cline, of Clinton County, Ohio.

H. R. 4359. An act granting a pension to Robert Quinn, of Preble County, Ohio, a soldier of the war of 1812.

H. R. 4360. An act granting a pension to Isaac Winans, of the Ohio militia, in the war of 1812.

H. R. 4361. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth Winters.

H. R. 4362. An act granting a pension to Cynthia A. Mizelle.

H. R. 4363. An act granting a pension to Levi J. Friel, late private Company K, Seventy-seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

H. R. 4364. An act granting a pension to Lydia A. Morris.

H. R. 4365. An act granting an increase of pension to Mary F. McKeever.

H. R. 4367. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Sarah A. Bell.

H. R. 4368. An act granting a pension to Johanna Kuhlman.

H. R. 4370. An act granting a pension to Catherine Harris.

H. R. 4371. An act granting a pension to Ludwig Ueber.

H. R. 4372. An act granting a pension to Mary Meighan, widow of Peter Meighan.

H. R. 4373. An act granting a pension to Mary I. Lebow.

H. R. 4374. An act granting a pension to Sarah J. Goss.

H. R. 4375. An act granting a pension to Frederick R. Bruner.

H. R. 4376. An act granting a pension to James G. Williams.

H. R. 4377. An act granting a pension to William Cogswell.

H. R. 4378. An act granting a pension to Arthur W. Irving.

H. R. 4379. An act granting a pension to Mary Bradley Cross.

H. R. 4380. An act granting a pension to Aaron H. Miller.

H. R. 4381. An act granting a pension to Edwin J. Nutall.

H. R. 4382. An act granting a pension to Jonathan Roberts.

H. R. 4383. An act granting a pension to Stephen L. George.

H. R. 4384. An act granting a pension to Daniel Donnelly.

H. R. 4385. An act granting an increase of pension to Caroline Hawley.

H. R. 4386. An act granting arrears of pension to Emilie R. Hooe, widow of the late Brevet Major Alexander S. Hooe, Fifth Infantry, United States Army.

H. R. 4387. An act granting a pension to James C. Bates.

H. R. 4388. An act granting a pension to Mary Wade.

H. R. 4389. An act granting an increase of pension to Jerry Robinson, late commissary-sergeant First Regiment United States Colored Troops.

H. R. 4390. An act granting a pension to William B. Dillon.

H. R. 4391. An act granting a pension to Susan Humes.

H. R. 4392. An act for the relief of Lucinda C. Dillahenty, of Tennessee.

H. R. 4393. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Sidney A. Harrison.

H. R. 4421. An act granting a pension to August Mellow.

H. R. 4423. An act granting a pension to the minor heirs of William S. Price, deceased.

H. R. 4424. An act granting a pension to Derrick F. Hamlink.

The bills last received from the House of Representatives were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, submitted a report (No. 338) to accompany the amendment reported by him from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, on the subject of mail steamship service between the United States and Brazil; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that on the 3d instant they presented to the President of the United States the enrolled bill (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862; and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Beck January 24, 1878, instructing the Committee on Printing to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the separate index now required for the Congressional Record, and restoring the index in each volume, reported the same adversely; and The resolution was postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 962) granting a pension to William Criddle, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 318) thereon.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1040) granting a pension to William Middleton, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 319) thereon.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1044) granting a pension to A. M. Tinsley, of Trousdale, County, Tennessee, late of the First Regiment Tennessee Volunteers in the Mexican war, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 320) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 439) granting a pension to Jonathan R. Tilman, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 321) thereon.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3113) granting a pension to Mrs. Emily H. Lyford, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 322) thereon.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3570) granting an increase of pension to John Murphy, late private Company F, Fifth Regiment United States Infantry, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 324) thereon.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of James Casey, praying for a pension, reported adversely thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Harmon Vaun, praying for a pension, submitted a report (No. 323) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1188) granting a pension to Harmon Vaun; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred

the bill (H. R. 2176) granting an increase of pension to Mattie McTaggart, widow of the late First Lieutenant McTaggart, Seventeenth United States Infantry, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 325) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 388) for the relief of William Roylston, late private Company D, First Regiment Tennessee Light Artillery, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3080) granting a pension to Warren F. Wood, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1059) granting a pension to Jacob S. Hunt, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 326) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 996) granting a pension to Edmund Woog, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 327) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1077) granting a pension to Mrs. Narcissa Powell, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 328) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3968) regulating exemptions in the District of Columbia, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Ellen Devlin, praying for a pension, submitted a report (No. 329) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1189) granting a pension to Ellen Devlin; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3115) granting a pension to Elizabeth Totten, widow of the late Commodore Benjamin J. Totten, United States Navy, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 330) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 862) granting a pension to George Foster, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 332) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 941) granting a pension to George Grove, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 333) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3730) granting a pension to Elizabeth Reese, widow of John Reese, a deceased soldier, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 334) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred

the bill (H. R. 531) restoring the name of Thomas W. Brown to the pension-roll, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 335) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 852) granting a pension to Mary E. Pauley, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 336) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1809) granting a pension to William H. Shultis, late of Company K, Fourteenth Regiment New York Volunteers, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 337) thereon.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 726) for the relief of Henry E. Sizer, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 339) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 323) granting a pension to the widow of the late Commodore Benjamin J. Totten, United States Navy, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 526) granting a pension to James McDonald, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 340) thereon.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2711) granting a pension to Thomas Burroughs, late a private in Company G, First Vermont Cavalry Regiment, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 341) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 490) granting a pension to Rose Miller, widow of Reason F. Miller, deceased, late a private in Company E, One hundred and twenty-third Illinois Infantry, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 342) thereon.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3568) granting a pension to Mary T. Thompson, widow of William Thompson, late second lieutenant Company E, Twelfth New York Volunteers, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 343) thereon.

Mr. Merrimon, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1130) to regulate the foreclosure of mortgages and deeds of trust in the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Merrimon, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1028) declaratory of the law relating to descents and inheritance in the District of Columbia in certain cases, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Merrimon, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1108) to transfer the title of the United

States to square 109 to the District of Columbia for the benefit of the public schools thereof, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Williams, of the District of Columbia, praying compensation for additional labor and material expended in the erection of the Jefferson school building in said District, submitted an adverse report (No. 331) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4) to provide a penalty for wanton injury to the public libraries in the District of Columbia, reported it with an amendment.

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1069) for the relief of Emanuel Jones, a British subject.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3974) making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1879, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Allison, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4549) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Harris: A bill (S. 1190) for the relief of James McGraw; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. McDonald: A bill (S. 1191) for the relief of the Evansville, Cairo and Memphis Packet Company; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Sargent: A bill (S. 1192) to authorize the leasing of a portion of the military reservation of New San Diego in the State of California; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Whyte: A bill (S. 1193) to provide for paying the advances made to the United States by the State of Maryland; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Christiancy: A bill (S. 1194) to amend section 5419 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Eaton: A bill (S. 1195) to extend for the term of seven years a patent, No. 34377, granted to Alba F. Smith; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Allison: A bill (S. 1196) granting a pension to Jane D. Cotton; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Wadleigh: A bill (S. 1197) granting a pension to Fielding Bradford; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Christiancy: A bill (S. 1198) to amend section 5414 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and to punish forgery and other like crimes injuriously affecting foreign governments; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Matthews: A bill (S. 1190) granting a pension to Henry Miller; to the Committee on Pensions.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 35) to repeal the bankrupt law; and,

The first amendment having been agreed to,

On the question to agree to the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary to the second amendment of the House,

On motion by Mr. Beck to amend the amendment,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill and amendment be postponed to to-morrow.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, on the 3d instant, an act (S. 706) authorizing the President of the United States to make certain negotiations with the Indians in the State of Colorado; and

He approved and signed, on the 4th instant, the following acts:

S. 378. An act for the relief of William L. Hickam, of Missouri, guardian of the minor children of Hillary J. Jenkins.

S. 870. An act granting a pension to Rebecca and Augusta Miller, daughters of Brigadier-General James Miller of the war of 1812.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Gordon,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 805) to repeal all that part of the act approved January 14, 1875, known as the resumption act, which authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to dispose of United States bonds and redeem and cancel the greenback currency; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

The bill H. R. 4663 received April 30, 1878, from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read and passed to a second reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insists upon its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 3987) to regulate the advertising of mail-lettings insisted upon by the Senate. It agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Singleton, Mr. Eickhoff, and Mr. Ballou managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the following bills of the Senate:

S. 285. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth D. Stone.

S. 328. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Esther A. George.

S. 697. An act granting a pension to Anna L. Robbins.

S. 703. An act granting a pension to Melvina A. Maltby.

S. 724. An act granting a pension to Nancy E. McClelland.

S. 755. An act granting a pension to Martha C. Kendall.

S. 869. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Mary Wilkes, widow of the late Admiral Charles Wilkes, United States Navy.

S. 873. An act granting a pension to Hannah Streets.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 3546. An act to change the name of the steamboat D. A. McDonald to Silver Wave.

H. R. 3828. An act to amend section 23 of the act approved June 22, 1874, entitled "An act to amend customs-revenue laws and to repeal moieties."

H. R. 3978. An act to authorize the Barataria Ship-Canal Company to

construct and operate a ship-canal from New Orleans to the Gulf of Mexico, through the lands and waters of the United States, and to grant to said company the right of way for that purpose.

H. R. 4674. An act to aid vessels wrecked or disabled in the waters conterminous to the United States and the Dominion of Canada.

H. R. 4104. An act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (H. R. 1780), I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 1780) granting a pension to William S. Davis, late private in Company E, Thirty-first Illinois Infantry Volunteers.

The President *pro tempore* signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 1780) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Sargent, and by unanimous consent,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3974) making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Appropriations having been agreed to in part,

On the question to agree to the amendment reported to section 2 of the bill as amended, viz, strike out the section and in lieu thereof insert the following words:

That hereafter, in the appointment of pension agents, the preference shall be given to wounded or disabled Union soldiers, or to the widows or daughters of Union soldiers;

On motion by Mr. Dorsey to amend the part proposed to be inserted by striking out all after the word "that" and in lieu thereof inserting, *on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, the term of office of all pension agents shall expire, and thereafter honorably discharged wounded or disabled Union soldiers or the widows or daughters of Union soldiers shall be appointed to said offices,*

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 27 / Nays..... 22

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Dawes, Dorsey, Edmunds, Ferry, Hereford, Howe, Ingalls, Kirkwood, McMillan, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Beck, Booth, Coke, Davis of West Virginia, Eaton, Eustis, Garland, Harris, Hill, Hoar, Jones, of Florida, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Sargent, Saulsbury, Windom.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The amendment reported to section 2 having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Sargent, and the motion of Mr. McMillan,

On the question to agree to the amendment reported by the committee as amended,

On motion by Mr. Ingalls, at 5 o'clock and 42 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1878.

Mr. Morgan presented several petitions of citizens of Alabama, praying for a grant of lands to aid in the construction of the Warrior and Tennessee Rivers Railroad; which were referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of New York, praying an increased appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Harlem River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the repeal of the bankrupt law, and praying the amendment of the same.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Hoar presented a petition of citizens of Boston, praying the passage of a law placing the name of James Shields on the retired-list of the Army, with the rank of brigadier-general.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Voorhees presented a petition of citizens of New Jersey, praying the passage of a law making six hours a day's work for all workingmen in the government employ; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

Mr. Davis, of West Virginia, presented a petition of citizens of the United States, praying the passage of a law providing for greater telegraphic facilities between the United States and other countries; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a memorial of the First Illinois Association of Veterans of the Mexican war, praying the passage of a law granting pensions to the survivors of the Mexican war; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Harris presented a resolution of the Merchants' Exchange of Nashville, Tennessee, in favor of the repeal of the law imposing a tax of ten per cent. upon the circulating notes of banks other than national banks; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sargent presented a petition of citizens of Santa Barbara County, California, praying an appropriation for the construction of a sea-wall in the bay of Santa Barbara, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Bailey presented the petition of Mrs. Sophia Richardson, of Newburyport, Massachusetts, and J. A. Richardson, praying compensation for property taken and used by United States troops in Tennessee during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution of the House of Representatives of March 7, 1878, to print extra copies of the Report of the Commissioner of Education for the year 1876, for the use of said Commissioner, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution; and,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Burnside,

Ordered, That the Committee on Education and Labor be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Theophilus Fisk Mills, and that it be referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was

referred the petition of John Harrison, praying compensation for services rendered as a scout during the late war, submitted an adverse report (No. 346) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Butler,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the following bills, and that they be referred to the Committee of Claims:

A bill (S. 799) for the relief on Willis N. Arnold.

A bill (S. 804) for the relief of Frank Arnim.

A bill (H. R. 330) for the benefit of Alderson T. Keene, late first lieutenant of Company E, First Kentucky Cavalry.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 567) for the relief of William Carruthers, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 344) thereon.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 981) for the relief of Howell H. Trask, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 345) thereon.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2502) directing the payment of the claim of August Pensler, Third Ohio Independent Cavalry, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 103) additional to section 1000 of the Revised Statutes, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Saulsbury, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 980) for the relief of Charles Collins, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 567, S. 981, H. R. 2502, S. 103, S. 980), as in Committee of Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 934) for the relief of H. M. Billingsby, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 347) thereon.

Mr. Oglesby, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2334) for the relief of Joseph F. Wilson, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 348) thereon.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1030) donating material of war to the Washington Association of New Jersey, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (S. 861) relating to telegraph communication between the United States and foreign countries, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Dorsey, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4246) making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Dawes, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 806) for the relief of George T. Marshall, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Allison, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 796) for the relief of John Henderson, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Morrill, from the select committee appointed to make provisions for taking the tenth census, to whom was referred the resolution of the

House of Representatives of April 30, 1878, to appoint a joint committee to consider and report upon the proper measures to be adopted for the taking of the next census, reported the same adversely; and

The resolution was postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Morrill, from the select committee to make provision for taking the tenth census, reported the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Special Committee on the Census shall have power to act concurrently with a like committee of the House of Representatives, and with power to sit during the recess of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Wadleigh,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 169) for the relief Dr. John B. Read, and that it be referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 20) relative to Chinese immigration, reported the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the provisions of the existing treaty between the Empire of China and the United States, allowing the unrestricted emigration to this country from China, might wisely be modified so as to subserve the best interests of both governments; and the attention of the Executive is respectfully invited to the subject.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Thurman: A bill (S. 1200) to alter and amend the laws relative to the filing of reports of Pacific Railroad companies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 1201) for the relief of Drury Bynum; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 1202) for the relief of William A. Britton; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Edmunds: A bill (S. 1203) to repeal the act of Congress approved April 3, A. D. 1878, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the support of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and for other purposes;'" to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Bailey: A bill (S. 1204) for the relief of Mrs. Sophia Richardson and J. A. Richardson; to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Paddock submitted the following resolution, which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be, and hereby is, requested to communicate to the Senate such information as the government may possess in relation to the amount of the land-grant subsidy to the Saint Joseph and Denver City Railroad, the present condition of such grant, what disposition and use has been made of the same, the number of miles of completed road, and whether it has been finished to the point of connection with the Union Pacific, designated by the survey of the line of such road now on file with the Secretary of the Interior; and, if not, what explanation, if any, is made by the company of its failure to make such connection as required by the act granting lands in aid of its construction.

The bills H. R. 3546, H. R. 3828, H. R. 3978, H. R. 4104, and H. R. 4674, yesterday received from the House of Representatives for

concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 3546, H. R. 3978, and H. R. 4674 be referred to the Committee on Commerce; that the bill H. R. 3828 be referred to the Committee on Finance; and that the bill H. R. 4104 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Adams its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a joint resolution (H. R. 173) granting the use of tents at the solders' reunion, to be held at Des Moines, Iowa, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed eight enrolled bills S. 285, S. 328, S. 697, S. 703, S. 724, S. 755, S. 869, and S. 873 I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 285. An act granting a pention to Elizabeth D. Stone.

S. 328. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Esther A. George.

S. 697. An act granting a pension to Anna L. Robbins.

S. 703. An act granting a pension to Melvina A. Maltby.

S. 724. An act granting a pension to Nancy E. McClelland.

S. 755. An act granting a pension to Martha C. Kendall.

S. 869. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Mary Wilkes, widow of the late Admiral Charles Wilkes, United States Navy.

S. 873. An act granting a pension to Hannah Streets.

The President *pro tempore* signed the eight enrolled bills S. 285, S. 328, S. 697, S. 703, S. 724, S. 755, S. 869, and S. 873 last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Cockrell that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 4663) to forbid the further retirement of United States legal-tender notes,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 33 / Nays..... 25

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Beck, Booth, Butler, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dorsey, Eustis, Garland, Gordon, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Plumb, Ransom, Saunders, Spencer, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bayard, Cameron of Wisconsin, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Edmunds, Ferry, Hoar, Howe, Kernan, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Wadleigh, Whyte, Windom.

So the motion was agreed to; and

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the said bill; and

On the question, Shall the bill be read a second time?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 34 / Nays..... 23

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Beck, Booth, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Gordon, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kirkwood, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Plumb, Ransom, Saunders, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bayard, Burnside, Cameron of Wisconsin, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Edmunds, Hoar, Kernan, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Wadleigh, Whyte, Windom.

So it was

Ordered, That the bill be read a second time, and

The said bill was read a second time.

On motion by Mr. Morrill to refer the bill to the Committee on Finance,

Pending debate,

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 3974) making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

The question being on striking out the second section of the bill as amended as follows: "That from and after the passage of this act, in case of vacancy from any cause, the office of pension-agent shall be filled by wounded or disabled Union soldiers or the widows or daughters of Union soldiers," and in lieu thereof inserting the following words: *That on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, the terms of office of all pension-agents shall expire, and thereafter honorably discharged wounded or disabled Union soldiers, or the widows or daughters of Union soldiers, shall be appointed to said offices,*

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 16 / Nays..... 39

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Cockrell, Dorsey, Ingalls, Kirkwood, McDonald, McMillan, Mitchell, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wadleigh.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Cameron of Wisconsin, Coke, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Eaton, Edmunds, Eustis, Ferry, Garland, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Hoar, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, McCreery, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Morrill, Randolph, Ransom, Sargent, Saulsbury, Whyte, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That debate on amendments to the bill be confined to five minutes by any Senator on the pending motion.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds to amend the bill by striking out the second section as amended as follows, "SEC. 2. That from and after the passage of this act, in case of vacancy from any cause, the office of pension-agent shall be filled by wounded or disabled Union soldiers, or the widows or daughters of Union soldiers,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 29 / Nays 30

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Coke, Conover, Eaton, Edmunds, Eustis, Garland, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Randolph, Ransom, Saulsbury, Whyte, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Dorsey, Ferry, Hoar, Ingalls, Kernan, Kirkwood, McMillan, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Windom.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Sargent was reported to the Senate, and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Allison,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 4549) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and

On motion by Mr. Allison,

Ordered, That debate on amendments to the bill be confined to five minutes by any Senator on the pending motion; and,

The amendments reported by the Committee on Appropriations having been agreed to in part,

On motion by Mr. Maxey to amend the bill by striking out from line 767 to 782 inclusive,

On motion by Mr. Teller to amend the clause proposed to be stricken out,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and,

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Anthony, at 5 o'clock and 20 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1878.

Mr. Merrimon presented three petitions of citizens of North Carolina, praying the repeal of the law imposing a tax of ten per cent. on the circulating notes of State banks; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Oglesby presented a petition of citizens of Chicago, Illinois, praying the repeal of the bankrupt law.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the legislature of California, in favor of the repeal of such parts of the revenue laws as create a distinction between the taxation upon the deposits in savings-banks having a capital stock and those savings-banks having no capital stock; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hoar presented a petition of citizens of Massachusetts, praying the passage of a law placing the name of James Shields on the retired-list of the Army, with the rank of brigadier-general.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Johnston presented a petition of citizens of Virginia, praying the establishment of a post-route from Lynchburgh to Loving Creek in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Conkling presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying an increased appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Harlem River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

Ordered, That Elizabeth A. Bailey, widow of the late Captain David G. Peabody, deceased, have leave to withdraw her petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Treadwell S. Ayres, praying compensation for property taken and appropriated by United States authorities during the late war, submitted a report (No. 349) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1205) for the relief of Treadwell S. Ayres; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Wadleigh,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 835) to aid in the construction of a military, commercial, and postal rail highway from the military headquarters of the United States Army at San Antonio in the State of Texas to the Rio Grande at or near the town of Laredo, and that it be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 109) authorizing Lieutenant T. B. M. Mason, United States Navy, to accept a medal conferred by the King of Italy for extinguishing a fire on a powder-ship, and that it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1098) to transfer Paymaster Robert Burton Rodney from the retired-list to the active-list of the Navy, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 350) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill, as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas M. Redd, praying compensation for property taken and destroyed by United States troops in 1864, submitted an adverse report (No. 351) thereon, and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 8) for the relief of Othniel P. Hollis, of the Soldiers' Home, Augusta, Maine, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 322) thereon.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 532) granting a pension to John Prey, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 353) thereon.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3569) granting a pension to Ovid H. Clark, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No 354) thereon.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3731) granting a pension to Rebecca T. Scott, widow of Major John B. Scott, late of the United States Army, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 355) thereon.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1029) for the relief of John M. Lord, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 359) thereon.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Emily Hughes, praying for a pension, submitted a report (No. 360) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1206) granting a pension to Emily Hughes, *alias* Burch; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

Mr. Teller, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 214) for the relief of George V. Hebb, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 357) thereon.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 351) for the relief of the Domestic and Indian Missions and Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 358) thereon.

Mr. Allison, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3824) to authorize the survey of the Cattaraugus Indian reservation in the State of New York, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Whyte, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 486) to extend the provisions of the act of June 8, 1874, in relation to prize-money, to all fleet officers, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 356) thereon.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills

S. 285. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth D. Stone.

S. 328. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Esther A. George.

S. 697. An act granting a pension to Anna L. Robbins.

S. 703. An act granting a pension to Melvina A. Maltby.

S. 724. An act granting a pension to Nancy E. McClelland.

S. 755. An act granting a pension to Martha C. Kendall.

S. 873. An act granting a pension to Hannah Streets.

S. 869. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Mary Wilkes, widow of the late Admiral Charles Wilkes, United States Navy.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Hoar: A bill (S. 1207) to provide ocean mail steamship service between the United States and Portugal; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Anthony: A bill (S. 1208) authorizing the publication for sale of an edition of the narrative of the polar expedition; to the Committee on Printing.

By Mr. Whyte: A bill (S. 1209) for the relief of Charles B. Phillips; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 1210) granting a pension to Mary A. Armstrong; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Teller: A bill (S. 1211) to encourage the introduction of a supply of fresh water on the desert west of Fort Yuma; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Hereford: A bill (S. 1212) providing for the payment of the amounts due the employés in, and the contractors who furnished castings to, the United States armory at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, in 1861, and prior to April 19 of that year; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Paddock: A bill (S. 1213) granting right of way to the Black Hills Narrow-Gauge Railway Company; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 1214) granting a pension to Amos Argle; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Gordon: A bill (S. 1215) to amend an act for the relief of Robert Erwin; to the Committee on Claims; and

A bill (S. 1216) for the improvement of the sanitary condition of Washington, and for deepening the river-channel; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Matthews: A bill (S. 1217) to amend section nineteen hundred and twenty-four of the Revised Statutes; to the Committee on Territories.

Mr. Morgan submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Whereas the people of Mexico, animated with the love of free government which distinguishes the people of the United States of America, have long adhered to a republican form of government, as that which is best suited to preserve their liberties, and have maintained their free republican institutions under the embarrassment of the most adverse circumstances with an honorable devotion to their principles which merits the sympathy and regard of the American people; and

Whereas the most essential interests connected with the welfare and prosperity of the people of both governments in their various relations require that permanent peace should be maintained between them, and that confidence, good-will, free intercourse, and liberal reciprocal advantages of trade and commerce should be established:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring therein), That in defining and settling by treaty the relations of the United States of America with the Republic of Mexico it is just and expedient, and in accordance with the interest which the people of the United States have in the maintenance of the right of self-government on this continent, that the present boundaries between Mexico and the United States shall be guaranteed as permanent and inviolable.

2. That it is proper that both governments shall engage that the territory of each shall be protected against conquest by any power residing beyond the seas.

3. That it is expedient that liberal provisions shall be made by treaty to secure to the people of both countries the equal and reciprocal advantages of intercourse, trade, and commerce with each other; and that, to increase the advantages of such intercourse, and to place upon a stable footing the peace and friendship of the two republics, it is expedient that such mutual agreements shall be entered into as will protect the borders of both countries from the predatory raids of bands of outlaws; and that persons who are citizens of either country residing in the other shall enjoy the rights of hospitality secured to the citizens of the most favored countries, and shall be free from all unlawful interferences with or arbitrary exactions and assessments upon their persons or property.

4. And it is also expedient to provide by treaty for the protection and

encouragment of such citizens of either country as shall, with the consent of the Government of Mexico, build and equip a line of railroad from the city of Mexico to the Rio Grande in the direction of San Antonio, in Texas, or to any point on the borders of the United States, to connect with the line or lines of railroad at the boundary between the United States and Mexico, and to secure the safe transit of the citizens of each republic and their property over such line or lines of railroad within the territory of each country, subject to such commercial regulations as shall from time to time be agreed upon by the respective governments.

Mr. Edmunds submitted the following resolution, which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be and they are hereby directed to report to the Senate what property known as church property in the District of Columbia, taxed under the act of June 20, 1874, or any other act of Congress, is in default in respect of such taxes—giving, as far as possible, the names of the corporations or persons in whom the title to such property rests, and also whether the steps provided by law have been taken to enforce the collection of said taxes, and if not, why not.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed an act (S. 15) to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress, approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 23) providing for the distribution and sale of the new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 3987) to regulate the advertising of mail lettings.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 3259) providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Burnside,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3679) to amend a joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to issue arms, approved July 3, 1876; and, having been amended on the motion of Mr. Burnside, and the motion of Mr. Davis of West Virginia, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted by Mr. Morrill to refer the bill (H. R. 4663) to forbid the further retirement of United States legal-tender notes; and,

On the question to agree to the motion,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The joint resolution (H. R. 173) yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 151) directing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund to the Society of the Sons of St. George, established at Philadelphia, the sum of $1,440.25 in gold, being the amount paid by said society upon a colossal statue of St. George and the Dragon; and,

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the resolution be recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

The bill (H. R. 3259) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

On motion by Mr. Bruce that the Senate reconsider its vote postponing indefinitely the bill (S. 965) for the relief of Eunice J. Stockwell,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Oglesby,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands have leave to sit during the sessions of the Senate.

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 4549) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

The question being on the amendment yesterday proposed by Mr. Teller,

It was determined in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Maxey, viz, strike out the clause included between lines 767 and 782, and

The clause having been amended on the motion of Mr. Edmunds,

On motion by Mr. Teller to further amend the part proposed to be stricken out by inserting at the end thereof the words, *And provided further, That the consent of such band be first obtained*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 21 / Nays 28

On motion by Mr. Teller,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Burnside, Cockrell, Coke, Dorsey, Edmunds, Eustis, Ferry, Ingalls, Kellogg, McCreery, Maxey, Morgan, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Patterson, Rollins, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Cameron of Wisconsin, Davis of West Virginia, Eaton, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hoar, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar,

Matthews, Merrimon, Mitchell, Randolph, Sargent, Wadleigh, Whyte Windom, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Maxey, viz, strike out the clause included between lines 767 and 782 as amended, as follows:

"NEZ PERCÉS OF JOSEPH'S BAND.

"For this amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to be expended, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, in the removal of the Nez Percés Indians of Joseph's band, now held as prisoners of war at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to such suitable location in the Indian Territory as the United States has a right to use for such purpose consistent with existing treaties or arrangements with tribes occupying the Indian Territory and for their settlement thereon, and for clothing, subsistence, and such other articles as may be required for their advancement in civilization, including the employment of such skilled labor as may be necessary to aid in teaching them civilized pursuits with a view to their future self-support, the sum of twenty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That such amount of the above sum as may be necessary for said removal and for subsistence for remainder of the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, may be immediately available;"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 21 / Nays 27

On motion by Mr. Maxey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bailey, Burnside, Cockrell, Coke, Dawes, Dorsey, Edmunds, Eustis, Ingalls, Kellogg, Maxey, Morgan, Morrill, Patterson, Rollins, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bayard, Beck, Cameron of Wisconsin, Davis of West Virginia, Eaton, Garland, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hoar, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McCreery, Matthews, Merrimon, Mitchell, Oglesby, Randolph, Sargent, Whyte, Windom, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The amendments reported by the Committee on Appropriations having been further agreed to in part,

On the question to agree to the amendment reported to the third section of the bill,

On motion by Mr. Sargent to amend the amendment,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Butler, at 5 o'clock and 40 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of April 25, 1878, a report of the Chief of Engineers concerning the

practicability and cost of constructing permanent works of improvement for the ship-canal at the entrance to the harbor of Charleston, South Carolina; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented a memorial of T. W. Chickering, late first lieutenant Sixth United States Cavalry, praying the passage of a law restoring him to the former rank and position in the Army held by him prior to January 27, 1875; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dorsey presented a resolution of Bee Hive Council No. 2, Sovereigns of Industry, of the District of Columbia, in favor of the passage of a law providing for the appointment of a coal-weigher for said District, and requiring all coal-dealers to send the certificate of such coal-weigher with each load of coal sold; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Plumb presented a petition of citizens of Kansas, praying the repeal of the law providing for the resumption of specie payments.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Ransom presented two petitions of citizens of North Carolina, praying the repeal of the law imposing a tax of ten per cent. on the circulating notes of State banks; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of citizens of Philadelphia, praying the passage of the bill (H. R. 2478) to amend the Revised Statutes concerning commerce and navigation and the regulation of steam-vessels; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Harris presented papers in relation to the claim of James L. Williamson, of Tennessee, for compensation for property alleged to have been taken and appropriated by United States military authorities during the late civil war; which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Wallace presented a resolution of the legislature of Pennsylvania, in favor of the passage of a law granting aid in the construction and completion of the Texas Pacific Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Cockrell presented the petition of R. H. Porter, of Independence, Missouri, praying payment of balance claimed to be due for loss and damages to property occasioned by the action of the United States military authorities at Camp Scott in 1857; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the legislature of California, in favor of an amendment to the law providing for the election of President and Vice-President, so as to provide that there shall be a lapse of at least five months between the time of the choosing of electors and the day fixed for casting their votes for President; which was referred to the select committee to take into consideration the state of the law respecting the result of the elections of President and Vice-President of the United States.

Mr. Johnston presented a petition of William B. Isaacs & Co., of Richmond, Virginia, representatives of certain banks in that city, praying the restoration of certain coin belonging to them, now in the Treasury of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Kernan presented papers in relation to the application of Margaret Mills for a pension; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Merrimon presented papers in relation to the improvement of the French Broad River in North Carolina; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce to accompany an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H. R. 4236.

Mr. Burnside presented a letter from G. E. Corson, commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of the Potomac, inviting the Senate to attend the decoration exercises at the Arlington National Cemetery on the 30th instant.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That Mrs. E. H. Powers have leave to withdraw her petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Whyte,

Ordered, That Samuel C. Barnes have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

Mr. Ferry, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 3987) to regulate the advertising of mail-lettings, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 3987) entitled "An act to regulate the advertising of mail-lettings," having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 15, and agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments numbered 11 and 12, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows: In lieu of said amendments substitute the following:

SEC. 4. *Hereafter all advertisements, notices, proposals for contracts, and all other forms of advertising required by law for the Post-Office Department may be paid for at a price not to exceed the commercial rates charged to private individuals, with the usual discounts, such rates to be ascertained from sworn statements to be furnished to the Postmaster-General by the proprietors of the newspapers proposing to so advertise: Provided, That all advertising in newspapers since the tenth day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, shall be audited and paid at like rates. But the Postmaster-General may secure lower terms at special rates whenever the public interest requires it.*

And the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments numbered 13 and 14, and agree to the same with an amendment, namely:

Change the numbers of sections 6 and 7 to numbers 5 and 6, respectively.

And the Senate agree to the same.

T. W. FERRY,
A. S. PADDOCK,
ELI SAULSBURY,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
O. R. SINGLETON,
ANTH. EICKHOFF,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and,

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Edmunds, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 347) to remove the political disabilities of Manning M. Kimmell, late of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri, reported it without amendment.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 66) for the relief of John Thorne, of Fayette County, Kentucky, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 361) thereon.

Mr. Booth, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (S. 570) to enable Moses Marshall to have a hearing before the Commissioner of Patents, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 362) thereon.

Mr. Booth, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (S. 896) to authorize the extension of the patent of Gilbert Jessup, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 363) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 66, S. 570, S. 896) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committe on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3546) to change the name of the steamboat D. A. McDonald to Silver Wave, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Committee on Railroads, reported a bill (S. 1218) to aid in the construction of the Portland, Salt Lake and South Pass Railroad: which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Gordon,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1215) to amend an act for the relief of Robert Erwin, and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution of the House of Representatives to print extra copies of the report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for the year 1877, reported it with an amendment.

Leave having been obtained, bills and a joint resolution were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cockrell: A bill (S. 1219) for the relief of Richard H. Porter; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Kernan: A bill (S. 1220) granting a pension to Margaret Mills; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Beck: A bill (S. 1221) for the relief of Norman Wiard; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Dorsey: A bill (S. 1222) to regulate the sale of coal by retail dealers in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 1223) to regulate the railway mail-service; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Rollins: A bill (S. 1224) to extend and continue in force the act approved March 3, 1877, to provide for the support of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Eaton: A bill (S. 1225) to incorporate the National Electric Light Company of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 1226) to provide for the payment of interest due the Chickasaw Nation of Indians.

By Mr. Hereford: A bill (S. 1227) to provide for the election of Representatives to the Forty-sixty Congress in the State of West Virginia; to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

By Mr. Johnston: A joint resolution (S. 29) *in re* claim of William B. Isaacs and Company; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1016) to provide for the distribution of the awards made under the convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico, concluded on the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The doors of the Senate were closed, and, after proceedings with closed doors,

The doors were reopened, when

The amendments reported by the Committee on the Judiciary having been amended, were agreed to, and the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Whyte that the Senate reconsider its vote referring the joint resolution (H. R. 109) authorizing Lieut. T. B. M. Mason, United States Navy, to accept a medal conferred by the King of Italy for extinguishing a fire on a powder-ship, to the Committee on Foreign Relations,

It was determined in the affirmative; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Bayard that the Senate reconsider its vote postponing indefinitely the bill (S. 1098) to transfer Paymaster Robert Burton Rodney from the retired-list to the active-list of the Navy,

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the bill (S. 20) authorizing the citizens of Colorado, Nevada, and the Territories to fell and remove timber on the public domain for mining and domestic purposes, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate; and,

It has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 613. An act subjecting the Fort Wayne military reservation in the State of Arkansas to entry as other public lands in said State.

H. R. 699. An act to restore certain lands in Iowa to settlement under the homestead law, and for other purposes.

H. R. 176. Joint resolution to provide for the enforcement of the eight-hour law.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 4549) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes; and,

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Sargent to the amendment reported to the third section of the bill,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hoar to amend the amendment reported to the third section, by striking out all after the word "that" in the first line of the part proposed to be inserted, and in lieu thereof inserting, *whenever any of the foregoing appropriations shall, in the judgment of the President, be unnecessary, he may, with the consent of the tribe interested, expressed in the usual manner, dispense with the expenditure therein provided; and a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars of the appropriations herein made is hereby appropriated, which may be expended for such other uses, for the benefit of such tribes, respectively, as the President, with such consent, shall approve;*

On motion by Mr. Sargent that the amendment lie on the table,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 31 / Nays 16

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Butler, Conkling, Conover, Davis of West Virginia, Dorsey, Eaton, Gordon, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McCreery, Merrimon, Mitchell, Rollins, Sargent, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace, Whyte, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Burnside, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Dawes, Ferry, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Kellogg, McMillan, Maxey, Morgan, Paddock, Randolph.

So the motion was agreed to.

The reported amendment to the third section having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Hoar, was then agreed to as amended.

The residue of the reported amendments having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Allison, the motion of Mr. Teller, the motion of Mr. Dorsey, and the motion of Mr. McMillan, was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the second amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 35) to repeal the bankrupt law; and,

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Beck to the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary to the second

amendment of the House, viz: Strike out in lines 32 and 33 of the amendment of the committee the words "on the first day of January, anno Domini Eighteen hundred and seventy-nine," and in lieu thereof insert the words *from and after the passage of this act.*

On motion by Mr. Thurman to amend the part proposed to be stricken out by striking out "January" and inserting *September*, and by striking out "nine" and inserting *eight*,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Anthony that when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 19 / Nays 31

On motion by Mr. Beck,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bayard, Bruce, Burnside, Conkling, Eustis, Ingalls, Kellogg, Kirkwood, Lamar, Matthews, Morrill, Patterson, Ransom, Spencer, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Barnum, Beck, Butler, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Ferry, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Hoar, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, McCreery, Maxey, Merrimon, Paddock, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Thurman, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

After further debate,

On motion by Mr. Eaton, 5 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m., that the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 26 / Nays 28

On motion by Mr. Whyte,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Bruce, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Conkling, Eaton, Hereford, Howe, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Kirkwood, Lamar, McMillan, Matthews, Merrimon, Patterson, Ransom, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Beck, Burnside, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dawes, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Harris, Hill, Hoar, Johnston, Kellogg, Kernan, McCreery, Maxey, Morgan, Morrill, Paddock, Randolph, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Whyte, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

After further debate,

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois, at 5 o'clock and 20 minutes p. m., The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Acting Secretary of the Treasury communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of April 17, 1878, information in relation to the consumption of manufactured articles in the United States to which the tariff duties apply.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secre-

tary of the Interior, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of April 17, 1878, information in relation to the decisions of that department upon the rights of Indians to impose taxes in the Indian Territory; which was referred to the Committee on Territories and ordered to be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, recommending an appropriation for the completion of the development of the water-power at the Rock Island arsenal.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Dorsey presented a petition of citizens of the District of Columbia, praying the appointment of a commission to report a plan for the improvement of the drainage and sewerage for the city of Washington; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Sargent presented a memorial of Painter & Co., of San Francisco, California, remonstrating against the passage of a law authorizing the Treasury Department to refund to Miller & Richard the amount of a fine imposed upon them as a penalty for undervaluing a lot of goods through the custom-house at that place; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Beck presented a petition of citizens of Kentucky praying the repeal of the law providing for the resumption of specie payments, and for the retirement of the national-bank currency and substituting greenbacks therefor; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Butler presented a communication from the Chamber of Commerce of Charleston, S. C., addressed to the Committee on Commerce, in relation to an appropriation for the improvement of the harbor at that place; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War recommending an appropriation for the construction of a bridge over the Mississippi River at or near Fort Snelling, and for a a grant of the right of way through the Fort Snelling military reservation for a public highway in connection therewith; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Garland presented the petition of F. X. Coincon, praying compensation for property taken from him by United States authorities while a trader in the Choctaw Nation; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Paddock,

Ordered, That B. L. Fletcher have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Claims, submitted a report (No. 364), accompanied by a bill (S. 1228) for the relief of Mrs. M. J. Donahoe; which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2026) granting a pension to Mrs. Julia S. W. Evans, widow of Henry D. Evans, late first lieutenant of Company B, Thirteenth Missouri Volunteers, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 365) thereon.

Mr. Teller, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 482) for the relief of William H. Nessle, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 366) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Wadleigh, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (S. 553) for the relief of William H. Akins and Jacob D. Felthousen, their heirs and assigns, reported it without recommendation, and submitted a report (No. 367) thereon.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1892) for the relief of Mrs. Amanda Rains, of Illinois, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 368) thereon.

Mr. Thurman, from the Committee on Private Land-Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1119) to confirm the title of Benjamin E. Edwards, his heirs, assigns, or legal representatives to a certain tract of land in the Territory of New Mexico, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Kellogg, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 362) granting a pension to A. G. Ege, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 369) thereon.

Mr. Kellogg, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 849) for the relief of Abraham Alstead, late a second lieutenant of Company A, of the Fifty-fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 370) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Kellogg, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1949) granting a pension to Benjamin C. Webster, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 371) thereon.

Mr. Kellogg, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3107) granting a pension to Louisa J. Guthrie and others, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 372) thereon.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Peter Stout, praying compensation for the alleged use and occupancy of his property by United States military forces during the late war, submitted an adverse report (No. 347) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Garland: A bill (S. 1229) for the relief of F. X. Coincon; and

A bill (S. 1230) for the relief of F. X. Coincon; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Kellogg: A bill (S. 1231) granting a pension to Captain Marshal H. Twitchell; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 1232) to repeal the provision of the act of July 24, 1876, concerning free roads, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Ingalls submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That Rule 43 be amended by striking out the words "relating to adjournment" and inserting the words *to adjourn*.

Mr. Sargent submitted the following resolution, which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to furnish the Senate with a statement of the circumstances under which the receipt of deposits at the different mints for coinage into trade-dollars was suspended in October, 1877, together with copies of all correspondence in relation to the same.

The bills and joint resolution yesterday received from the House of

Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 613 and H. R. 699 be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and that the joint resolution H. R. 176 be referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

On motion by Mr. Whyte,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1044) granting a site for a dry-dock in the city of Baltimore upon certain conditions; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Military Affairs having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Edmunds, was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 753) to confirm a certain private land claim in the Territory of New Mexico; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Private Land-Claims having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Dawes,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 152) to enable the joint commission to carry into effect the act of Congress providing for the completion of the Washington Monument; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, having been amended on the motion of Mr. Dawes, was agreed to, and the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the resolution read a third time.

The said resolution, as amended, was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States yesterday approved and signed an act (S. 328) granting a pension to Mrs. Esther A. George.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 4422) to amend section 4695 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and,

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Pensions, together with certain amendments intended to be proposed by him to the bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed on the 3d instant the following acts and joint resolution:

H. R. 847. An act for the relief of Susan Robb.

H. R. 1385. An act for the relief of the minor heirs of John H. Evans, deceased.

H. R. 1887. An act to extend the provisions of section 3297 of the Revised Statutes to other institutions of learning.

H. R. 158. Joint resolution for the erection of a monument over the grave of Thomas Jefferson; and

He approved and signed on the 4th instant the following acts and joint resolution:

H. R. 3822. An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

H. R. 3859. An act for the relief of Silas M. Norton, postmaster at Bristol, Connecticut.

H. R. 78. Joint resolution granting the use of artillery, tents, &c., at the national soldiers' and sailors' reunion to be held at Marietta, Ohio; and

He approved and signed on the 4th instant an act (H. R. 1639) making an appropriation for pier-lights at the entrance of the jetties in the South Pass of the Mississippi River.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the second amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 35) to repeal the bankrupt law; and,

The question being on the motion of Mr. Thurman to amend the portion of the amendment reported by the Committee on the Judiciary proposed to be stricken out by the amendment of Mr. Beck, viz, in line 33 strike out "January" and insert *September*, and in line 34 strike out "nine" and insert *eight*,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 27 / Nays 21

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Barnum, Bruce, Butler, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hoar, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Merrimon, Patterson, Randolph, Ransom, Sargent, Saulsbury, Spencer, Thurman, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Beck, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Conkling, Dawes, Garland, Harris, Hill, Howe, Kellogg, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Morrill, Oglesby, Saunders, Voorhees, Whyte, Withers.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Beck to the amendment of the committee as amended, viz, strike out "on the first day of September, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-eight," and in lieu thereof insert the words *from and after its passage*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 22 / Nays 24

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present.

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bailey, Beck, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Dawes, Garland, Harris, Hill, Howe, Johnston, Kellogg, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Morrill, Oglesby, Randolph, Voorhees, Whyte, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnum, Bruce, Butler, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Ferry, Grover, Hoar, Jones of Florida, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Merrimon, Patterson, Ransom, Sargent, Saulsbury, Spencer, Thurman, Windom.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On the question to agree to the amendment of the Committee on the Judiciary as amended, viz, strike out in the second amendment of the House the words "all penal actions or criminal proceedings arising thereunder" and in lieu thereof insert *in respect of all pains, penalties, and forfeitures which shall have been incurred under any of said acts prior to the day when this act takes effect, or which may be thereafter incurred, under any of those provisions of any of said acts which, for the purposes named in this act, are kept in force, and all penal actions and criminal proceedings for a violation of any of said acts, whether then pending or thereafter instituted, and in respect of all rights of debtors and creditors (except the right of commencing original proceedings in bankruptcy), and all rights of, and suits by, or against assignees, under any or all of said acts, in any matter or case which shall have arisen prior to the day when this act takes effect (which shall be on the first day of September, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-eight), or in any matter or case which shall arise after this act takes effect, in respect of any matter of bankruptcy authorized by this act to be proceeded with after said last-named day,*

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 26 / Nays..... 21

On motion by Mr. Whyte,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnum, Bruce, Butler, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hoar, Jones of Florida, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Merrimon, Morrill, Patterson, Ransom, Sargent, Saulsbury, Spencer, Thurman, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bailey, Beck, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Dawes, Garland, Harris, Hill, Howe, Johnston, Kellogg, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Oglesby, Randolph, Voorhees, Whyte, Withers.

So the amendment was agreed to; and

On the question to agree to the amendment of the House of Representatives as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment of the Senate to the second amendment of the House.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 4246) making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and,

On motion by Mr. Whyte,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Thurman, at 4 o'clock and 15 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, MAY 13, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting a communication from the Second Auditor of the Treasury recommending an appropriation to continue the payment of claims for arrears of pay and bounty due discharged soldiers of the regular and volunteer forces after June 30, 1878; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a draught of a bill to prevent frauds upon the customs revenue, and recommending its passage; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and ordered to be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting a letter from the Adjutant-General, United States Army recommending an amendment to section 5485 of the Revised Statutes relative to attorney-fees in claims for bounty, &c.; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Sargent presented a petition of citizens of California, praying the passage of a law imposing a tariff-duty of thirty cents per pound upon all stereotype and electrotype plates imported into the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sargent presented a memorial of Marder, Luse and Company, of San Francisco, California, remonstrating against the passage of a law to refund to Miller and Richards the amount of a fine imposed upon them as a penalty for undervaluing a lot of goods through the custom-house at that place; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Matthews presented a petition of citizens of Cincinnati, Ohio, praying the abolition of the duty on "hatters' black silk plush," or its reduction to not more than ten per centum ad valorem; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kernan presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against any change in the present rates of duty on imports; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Morrill presented a petition of citizens of Massachusetts, praying the repeal of the eight-hour law for laborers and others employed on government works, or for such modification of it as will insure to the other classes of laborers, mechanics, &c., the same rate of wages as is allowed to such laborers, &c., on government works, for the same number of hours' work; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

Mr. Booth presented a resolution of the District Council, Sovereigns of Industry of the District of Columbia, in favor of the passage of a law providing for the appointment of a coal-weigher in said District, and requiring coal-dealers to send the certificate of such coal-weigher with each load of coal; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Withers presented the petition of H. G. C. Warder, administratrix of the estate of Samuel Weaver, deceased, praying that her claim

for compensation for property alleged to have been appropriated by United States military authorities during the late civil war may be recommitted to the Southern Claims Commission for further consideration; which was referred to Committee on Claims.

Mr. Anthony presented a petition of citizens of Rhode Island, praying the abolition of the duties on "hatters' black silk plush," or its reduction to not more than ten per centum ad valorem; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Kirkwood presented the petition of Oscar L. Clyde, of Minnesota, praying a correction of his record in the War Department, and to be allowed an honorable discharge, with back pay and bounty claimed to be due him; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Butler presented a petition of citizens of South Carolina, praying the repeal of the law imposing a ten per centum tax on the circulating notes of State banks; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Withers presented a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of Richmond, Virginia, in favor of the immediate repeal of the bankrupt law.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Howe presented a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, communicating the report of the register and receiver of the land-office at Gainesville, Florida, on the private land-claim of Anna M. Clark; which was referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

Mr. Butler presented a petition of citizens of Beaufort County, South Carolina, praying the establishment of a range-light on Paris Island, South Carolina; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations, to accompany an amendment proposed to the bill making appropriations for the sundry civil expenses of the government.

Mr. Kirkwood presented papers in relation to the application of Josiah Kellogg, late of Company G, Forty-sixth Iowa Infantry Volunteers, to be allowed a pension; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Saunders presented the petition of Sarah Ireland, of Nebraska, praying to be allowed a pension on account of services rendered the government by her two sons as soldiers during the late war; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Kernan presented a memorial of William R. Browne and Thomas Fitch, praying to be paid out of the Japanese indemnity fund for alleged damages arising out of the refusal of the governor of Sidoma to permit the officers of the schooner Wilmington, of New London, Connecticut, to land off the coast of Japan; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Butler presented the petition of Samuel Lord, jr., receiver of the State Bank of Charleston, South Carolina, praying the passage of a law authorizing the return to him of certain bonds alleged to be the property of said bank, and alleged to have been seized by United States military authorities during the late war and placed in the Treasury of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hamlin presented the petition of G. L. Dyer, master, United States Navy, praying to be restored to his proper position in the Naval Register in the line of promotion; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, March 2, 1878, an act (H. R. 927) for the relief of James W. Glover, postmaster at Oxford, in the State of New York; and

He approved and signed, March 4, 1878, the following acts and joint resolution:

H. R. 694. An act for the relief of William H. Needham, late second lieutenant Company D, Twenty-Second Regiment Iowa Volunteers.

H. R. 1142. An act for the relief of Charles W. Wood, late of Company E, First Battalion, Thirteenth Regiment of United States Infantry.

H. R. 1928. An act to change the name of the steam-tug C. M. Whittaker to Caroline.

H. R. 62. Joint resolution appropriating two hundred dollars to defray expenses of transporting the remains of Pancoast Loose, a deceased soldier.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 501) for the relief of John C. Birdsell, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Thurman, from the Committee on Private Land-Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1896) for the relief of Nancy A. Herrick, of Rochester, New York, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 374) thereon.

Mr. Thurman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 380) to provide for circuit and district courts of the United States at Toledo, Ohio, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Thurman, from the Committee on Private Land-Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 854) for the adjudication of title to lands claimed by José Apis and Pablo Apis, in the State of California, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. M. A. McClanahan, of Tennessee, praying compensation for the alleged use and occupancy of her property by United States military forces during the late war, submitted an adverse report (No. 375) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Barnum: A bill (S. 1233) for the relief of David Huestis; and

A bill (S. 1234) for the relief of the heirs of Sheldon S. Hartshorn; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Butler: A bill (S. 1235) for the delivery to Samuel Lord, jr., receiver, of certain bonds now in the Treasury of the United States; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 1236) making an appropriation for the erection of a light-house at the heads of Port Orford, in Oregon, on the Pacific coast; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Johnston: A bill (S. 1237) to declare the legal effect of permits granted by the President of the United States to purchase products of the insurrectionary States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Johnston: A bill (S. 1238) to levy a tax on the sale of spirituous and malt liquors in bar rooms and all places where intoxicants are sold by the drink in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Eustis: A bill (S. 1239) for the relief of Edward H. Wilson; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Maxey: A bill (S. 1240) to provide for steamship mail-service between Galveston, Texas, and Vera Cruz, Mexico; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Johnston submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to furnish the Senate with the late report of the advisory board relating to the harbor of Norfolk, Virginia, together with the estimates for the work recommended.

Mr. Gordon submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route from Dublin, Laurens County, Georgia, to Red Bluff, Montgomery County, Georgia.

On motion by Mr. Saulsbury that the Senate reconsider its vote postponing indefinitely the bill (S. 980) for the relief of Charles Collins,

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

On motion by Mr. Saulsbury,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

On motion by Mr. Sargent that the Senate reconsider its vote postponing indefinitely the bill (S. 1094) for the pardon of certain deserters from the United States Army in 1848,

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs together with an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

H. R. 251. An act for the relief of James J. Waring, of Savannah, Georgia.

H. R. 3121. An act for the relief of Numis H. Coverdale.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bills were reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

S. 766. A bill to legalize certain patents issued to members of the Pottawatomie tribe of Indians.

S. 989. A bill for the relief of certain settlers on the public lands and to provide for the repayment of certain fees and commissions paid on void entries of public lands.

Ordered, That the bills be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bills were reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

H. R. 4425. An act to alter and amend a law of the District of Columbia relative to the inspection of flour.

H. R. 1951. An act for the relief of John F. Sutherlin and brother, of Parke County, Indiana.

H. R. 2132. An act to pay for clerical services and extraordinary

ses, under the seventh section of the act of August 18, 1856, in awnee land-district in Kansas.

ered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bills read a third

said bills as amended were read the third time.

olved, That they pass.

ered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of sentatives in the amendments.

nessage from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its :

President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the lments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 3679) to l a joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to issue approved July 3, 1876.

House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the the Senate (S. 930) granting a pension to Mary B. Marsh; and as passed the bill of the Senate (S. 926) for the sale of timber-lands States of California and Oregon and in Washington Territory, mendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

House of Representatives has passed the following bills and joint tions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

R. 314. An act to confirm the term for the period of seventeen from the date of its original grant of the patent of Thomas A. on.

R. 775. An act for the restoration to market of certain lands in rritory of Utah.

R. 2138. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay Fearon and Jessie Crossin, executrices of Samuel P. Fearon, de- l, for certain registered United States bonds redeemed by the gov- nt on forged assignments and power of attorney.

R. 2139. An act making appropriation for the payment to Richard r, executor of John Heater, deceased, late of Loudoun County, nia, of the sum therein named for value of the stores and supplies and used by the United States Army.

R. 3369. An act to provide for the publication of notices of con- nder the homestead, pre-emption, and tree-culture laws of the d States.

R. 3373. An act for the relief of settlers on the public lands under e-emption laws.

R. 4327. An act for the relief of certain laborers employed upon vernment works.

R. 153. Joint resolution providing for issue of arms to Territories.

R. 178. Joint resolution to pay the laborers known as the cloak- men, and to place them on the Doorkeeper's roll.

R. 179. Joint resolution giving the consent of the Congress of the d States to the legislature of the State of Nebraska to cede and er certain territory now under the jurisdiction of the State of ska to the State of Missouri, the legislature of Missouri consent- ereto.

Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two ed bills (H. R. 3679 and H. R. 3987) and two enrolled joint resolu- S. 23 and H. R. 109), I am directed to bring them to the Senate signature of its President.

Conover reported from the committee that they had examined nd duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolutions:

. 3679. An act to amend a joint resolution authorizing the Secre- f War to issue arms, approved July 3, 1876.

H. R. 3987. An act to regulate the advertising of mail-lettings and for other purposes.

S. 23. Joint resolution providing for the distribution and sale of the new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

H. R. 109. Joint resolution authorizing Lieutenant T. B. M. Mason, United States Navy, to accept a medal conferred by the King of Italy for extinguishing a fire on a powder-ship.

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment, yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 4246) making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

The amendments reported by the Committee on Appropriations having been agreed to in part,

On the question to agree to the amendment reported in line 140, page 7, viz, strike out the word "traveling" and in lieu thereof insert the word *employed*,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 32 / Nays..... 13

On motion by Mr. Withers,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnum, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Conkling, Conover, Davis of West Virginia, Dorsey, Ferry, Grover, Hamlin, Ingalls, Kellogg, Kirkwood, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Teller, Wadleigh, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs, Cockrell, Edmunds, Harris, Hoar, Jones of Florida, Kernan, McCreery, McMillan, Maxey, Morrill, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The residue of the reported amendments having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Beck,

An amendment providing for ocean mail-steamship service between the United States and Brazil was proposed by Mr. Maxey from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, when

Mr. Edmunds raised a question of order, viz: That the amendment proposed general legislation to a general appropriation bill, and under the Twenty-ninth Rule of the Senate was not in order; and,

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Rollins in the chair) having submitted the question of order to the Senate,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, at 5 o'clock and 5 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter from the Hon. M. R. Waite, chancellor of the Smithsonian Institution, informing the Senate of the death of Professor Joseph Henry, and inviting the attendance of the Senate at the funeral ceremonies May 16th; which was read.

Mr. Sargent submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives adjourn their respective houses at four o'clock on Thursday, the 16th instant, for the purpose of enabling Senators and Representatives to attend the funeral of the late Joseph Henry, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, transmitting, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of May 8, 1878, communications from the attorney and collector of the district, accompanied by exhibits of church property in default for taxes, &c.; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia and ordered to be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting a copy of a communication from James B. Eads relative to the amount of work executed at the South Pass of the Mississippi River, and asking that certain specified modifications be made in the conditions imposed by the law known as the jetty act, under which the works at the South Pass have been prosecuted; which was referred to the Select Committee on Transportation-Routes to the Seaboard and ordered to be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a petition of railway post-office clerks, route-agents, &c., praying to be allowed an increase of compensation, and for the organization of the employés of the railway mail-service into one body with numerical grades.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of Alfred D. Jessup, of Philadelphia, proposing to sell to the government, at an appraised value, the fireproof building now occupied by the Pension Bureau in Washington, District of Columbia; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Wallace presented a resolution of the legislature of Pennsylvania, in favor of the passage of a law extending aid to citizens willing to emigrate and settle upon the lands in the West; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the immediate repeal of the bankrupt law and the law providing for the resumption of specie payments, and remonstrating against any further contraction of the greenback currency.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the passage of a law granting aid in the construction of the Texas Pacific Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Wallace presented five memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any change in the present tariff laws; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorials, remonstrating against the refunding to Miller and Richard certain fines imposed upon them as a penalty for undervaluing a lot of goods through the custom-house at San Francisco, California, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Wallace: A memorial of citizens of Philadelphia.

By Mr. Rollins: A memorial of citizens of Philadelphia.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sargent presented two petitions of citizens of California, praying that a duty of thirty cents per pound be levied upon all stereotype and

electrotype plates imported into the United States; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Thurman presented a petition of citizens of Ohio, praying the abolition of the duty on "hatters' black-silk plush," or its reduction to not more than ten per centum ad valorem; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dorsey presented a resolution of the Potomac Council No. 8, Sovereigns of Industry of the District of Columbia, in favor of the passage of a law providing for the appointment of a coal-weigher for said District, and requiring all dealers to send the certificate of such weigher with each load of coal sold; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented the petition of J. S. Anawalt, of Illinois, praying compensation for certain horses seized and taken by United States troops during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, presented a petition of citizens of Saint Augustine, Florida, praying the donation of a certain lot of land in that city on which to erect a church-building; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Mitchell presented a memorial of Joseph M. Wilson, of Washington, District of Columbia, praying that a portion of the amount received from the sales of public lands be appropriated for the encouragement and support of industrial education in the public schools in the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of Oliver Evans Woods, of Philadelphia, suggesting a plan for the safe delivery of letters; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Thurman presented a petition of citizens of the United States, praying the passage of a law providing for greater telegraphic facilities between the United States and other countries; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Withers,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Joseph McGuckian, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

To the Senate of the United States:

In answer to the resolution of the Senate of the 29th ultimo, I transmit herewith a report from the Secretary of State, with its accompanying papers.

R. B. HAYES.

WASHINGTON, *May* 14, 1878.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and be printed.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was recommitted the joint resolution (H. R. 151) directing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund to the Society of the Sons of Saint George, established at Philadelphia, the sum of $1,440.25 in gold, being the amount paid by said society upon a colossal statue of Saint George and the Dragon, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said

ion as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being it was reported to the Senate.
red, That it pass to a third reading.
said resolution was read the third time.
lved, That it pass.
red, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives

Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was d the bill (S. 1060) directing the Secretary of War to erect head- over the graves of soldiers interred in the cemetery at Mound Kansas, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report 6) thereon.
Wallace, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was d the bill (S. 742) in relation to the Japanese indemnity-fund, d it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 378) .
Christiancy, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was d the bill (S. 1151) to amend section 5497 of the Revised Statutes, d it with amendments.
Christiancy, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was d the bill (S. 1150) to amend section 5447 of the Revised Statutes United States, reported it without amendment.
Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom ferred the bill (S. 877) providing the times and places of holding uit court of the United States in the district of Iowa, and the tment of an additional judge in said district, reported it with ments.
Oglesby, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was re- the bill (S. 1135) to create an additional land-district in the Terri- Idaho, reported it without amendment.
Allison, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred l (S. 992) for the relief of Columbus F. Perry and Elizabeth H. , of Chambers County, Alabama, reported it with an amendment.
Christiancy, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was d the bill (S. 254) to amend section 764 of the Revised Statutes United States, and to enlarge the right of appeal in *habeas corpus* reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.
Oglesby, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was re- the bill (S. 307) creating an additional land-district in the Terri- Idaho, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to

Johnston, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was d the bill (S. 1025) for the payment of compensation to Edward ey, late consul to Smyrna, Turkey, for judicial services ren- reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.
Senate proceeded to consider the said bills (S. 254, S. 307, and S. as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, ere reported to the Senate.
red, That they be postponed indefinitely.
On motion by Mr. Burnside,
red, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from ther consideration of the bill (S. 664) for the relief of Frank A.

On motion by Mr. Plumb,
red, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from

the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 1371) for the relief of John W. Skiles, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (S. 1241) to provide for the service of process in cases of interpleader in the courts of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the letter of the Secretary of War recommending the repeal of section 1233 of the Revised Statutes, relating to company cooks in the Army, submitted a report (No. 377) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1242) to repeal section 1233 of the Revised Statutes, relating to company cooks in the Army; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 1243) for the relief of Somerville Nicholson; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Morgan: A bill (S. 1244) for the relief of George Williams; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Sargent: A bill (S. 1245) for the relief of William H. Davis; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Grover: A bill (S. 1246) requiring the examination or survey and estimate of cost of improving the entrance of Coos Bay and the mouth of Coquille River, in Oregon; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 1247) for the relief of Mrs. E. H. Powers; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Whyte: A bill (S. 1248) for the improvement of the sewerage of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Beck: A bill (S. 1249) for the relief of O. H. Perry, administrator of Mary Scott, deceased, of Jessamine County, Kentucky; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Kellogg: A bill (S. 1250) to provide for the payment of additional interest upon judgments rendered by the Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims; to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Burnside,

Ordered, That Frank A. Page have leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate his petition and papers.

The bills and joint resolutions yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 314 be referred to the Committee on Patents; that the bills H. R. 775, H. R. 3369, and H. R. 3373, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands; that the bill H. R. 2138 be referred to the Committee on Finance; that the bill H. R. 2139 be referred to the Committee on Claims; that the bill H. R. 4327 be referred to the Committee on Commerce; that the joint resolution H. R. 153 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that the joint resolution H. R. 178 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations; and that the joint resolution H. R. 179 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The President *pro tempore* signed the two enrolled bills (H. R. 3679 and H. R. 3987) and the two enrolled joint resolutions (S. 23 and H. R. 109) yesterday reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 926) for the sale of timber-

in the States of California and Oregon and Washington Territory;

On motion by Mr. Sargent,
olved, That the Senate agree thereto.
lered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives
of.
e Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of
sentatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 20) authorizing the citizens
lorado, Nevada, and the Territories to fell and remove timber on
ublic domain, for mining and domestic purposes; and,
On motion by Mr. Teller,
olved, That the Senate agree thereto.
lered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives
of.
motion by Mr. Matthews that the Senate reconsider its vote post-
g indefinitely the bill (S. 482) for the relief of William H. Nessle,
vas determined in the affirmative.
motion by Mr. Voorhees that the Senate reconsider its vote post-
g indefinitely the bill (H. R. 2711) granting a pension to Thomas
ughs, late a private in Company G, First Vermont Cavalry Regi-

vas determined in the affirmative; and,
On motion by Mr. Voorhees,
lered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Pensions.
On motion by Mr. Kernan,
e Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the
H. R. 3824) to authorize the survey of the Cattaraugas Indian res-
ion, in the State of New York; and no amendment being made, it
eported to the Senate.
lered, That it pass to a third reading.
e said bill was read the third time.
olved, That it pass.
lered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives
of.
On motion by Mr. Mitchell,
e Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the
. 306) amendatory of the act entitled "An act granting lands to aid
e construction of a railroad and telegraph line from Portland to
ia and McMinnville, in the State of Oregon;" and the amendment
ted by the Committee on Railroads having been amended on the
n of Mr. Mitchell and the motion of Mr Cockrell,
er debate,
lered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to
rrow.
message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its
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. *President:* The House of Representatives has agreed to the reso-
n of the Senate directing the President of the Senate and the
ker of the House of Representatives to adjourn their respective
es at 4 o'clock on Thursday, the 16th instant, for the purpose of
ing Senators and Representatives to attend the funeral of the late
h Henry.
e House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 4704) to retire
in silver coins now in use, and to provide for the exchange of sub-
y silver coins for legal-tender money under certain circumstances,
ich it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 285. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth D. Stone.

S. 697. An act granting a pension to Anna L. Robbins.

S. 703. An act granting a pension to Melvina A. Maltby.

S. 724. An act granting a pension to Nancy E. McClelland.

S. 755. An act granting a pension to Martha C. Kendall.

S. 869. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Mary Wilkes, widow of the late Admiral Charles Wilkes, United States Navy.

S. 873. An act granting a pension to Hannah Streets.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 4704) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 4246) making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and

The question being on the question of order yesterday raised by Mr. Edmunds that the amendment proposed by Mr. Maxey, providing for ocean mail-steamship service between the United States and Brazil, was not in order under the twenty-ninth rule of the Senate; and

The question having been submitted by the Chair to the Senate: Is the amendment in order?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 23 / Nays..... 32

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnum, Blaine, Coke, Conkling, Conover, Davis of West Virginia, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Hamlin, Johnston, Kellogg, Kirkwood, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Burnside, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Davis of Illinois, Dennis, Eaton, Edmunds, Harris, Hill, Hoar, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Lamar, McDonald, McMillan, Merrimon, Morgan, Morrill, Oglesby, Randolph, Saulsburg, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Whyte, Windom.

So the Senate decided that the amendment was not in order.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Kellogg that the Senate reconsider its vote post-

; indefinitely the bill (H. R. 3268) to authorize the North Louisiana
ad Company to construct a bridge over the Ouachita River at or
Ionroe, Louisiana, and a bridge over the Red River at or near
sport, Louisiana,
as determined in the affirmative.
Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration
bill (H. R. 805) to repeal all that part of the act approved Jan-
4, 1875, known as the resumption act, which authorized the Sec-
of the Treasury to dispose of United States bonds and redeem
ncel the greenback currency; and,
ding debate,
On motion by Mr. Thurman,
Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and
r the consideration of executive business the doors were opened,

notion by Mr. Sargent, at 4 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m.,
Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MAY 15, 1878.

President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Sec-
of the Treasury, communicating, in compliance with a resolution
Senate of May 10, 1878, a statement of the circumstances under
the receipt of deposits at the different mints for coinage into
lollars was suspended in October, 1877; which was referred to
mmittee on Finance and ordered to be printed.
Allison presented a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, ad-
d to the chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs, transmit-
copy of a report of a commission appointed in pursuance of law
raise certain lands in the Indian Territory lying west of the ninety-
legree of west longitude; which was referred to the Committee on
Affairs and ordered to be printed.
Matthews presented a memorial of citizens of Ohio, remonstrating
t any change in the present tariff laws; which was referred to
mmittee on Finance.
Beck presented the petition of Hugh Coyle, of Washington, Dis-
f Columbia, praying that Senate report No. 572, second session
fourth Congress, relating to a form of government for the District
mbia, be reprinted for public distribution; which was referred to
mmittee on the District of Columbia.
Butler presented a petition of citizens of Augusta, Georgia, pray-
e repeal of the law imposing a ten per centum tax on the cir-
ng notes of State banks; which was referred to the Committee on
e.
Allison presented two memorials of citizens of Iowa, remonstrat-
ainst the passage of a law abolishing the local board of inspectors,
l at Galena, Illinois, and praying the removal of said board as it
at present from Galena, Illinois, to Dubuque, Iowa; which were
d to the Committee on Commerce.
Whyte presented a memorial of the Board of Trade of Baltimore,
strating against the proposed transfer of the Life-Saving Service
he Treasury Department to the Navy Department.
ered, That it lie on the table.
Johnston presented a petition of citizens of Virginia, praying the
e of a law placing the name of James Shields on the retired-list
Army, with the rank of brigadier-general.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Memorials, praying the repeal of the law providing for the resumption of specie payments, and remonstrating against any further contraction of the currency, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Voorhees: A memorial of citizens of Boston.

By Mr. Plumb: A memorial of citizens of Kansas.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Memorials, praying the passage of a law providing for the appropriation of the proceeds of the sales of the public lands to educational purposes, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Saulsbury: A memorial of the trustees of the Delaware College.

By Mr. Bayard: A memorial of the trustees of the Delaware College.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. McDonald presented a petition of citizens of Indiana, praying the passage of the bill (H. R. 2478) to amend the Revised Statutes concerning commerce and navigation and the regulation of steam-vessels; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of George W. Hubbard and W. E. Conant, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1208) authorizing the publication for sale of an edition of the Narrative of the Polaris Expedition, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Christiancy, from the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1100) to correct an error in section 4390 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3119) for the relief of John I. Thomas, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 379) thereon.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1065) for the relief of Toussiant Mesplie, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 380) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 964) for the relief of the owner of the bark Grapeshot, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 381) thereon.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 789) for the relief of Michael Fentenheime, a citizen of France, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 382) thereon.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 233) for the relief of John E. Catlett, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 383) thereon.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 29) for the relief of Robert McRae, Andrew B. James, and Emory Clapp, of New Orleans, Louisiana, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 384) thereon.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1136) for the relief of Miguel D. Eslava, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 385) thereon.

Mr. Matthews, from the Committee on the Revision of the Laws, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1024) to correct the revision of the laws of the United States, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 789, S. 233, S. 29, S. 1136, S. 1024) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Ferry, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, reported a bill (S. 1251) regulating the compensation for the transportation of mails on railroad routes, providing for the classification of mail-matter, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Michael Fentenheime, reported the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to cause a just appraisal to be made of the value of the property of Michael Fentenheime, at Pelican Point, Morris Island, in the State of South Carolina, when the same was taken by the United States for the purpose of a permanent fortification, and report the same, together with the facts and circumstances attending such taking, to the Senate for its information.

On motion by Mr. Christiancy,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Revision of the Laws be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of R. G. Ingersoll and other citizens of the United States, praying the repeal or modification of certain sections of the Revised Statutes of the United States, regulating the transmission through the United States mails of certain classes of literature, pictures, &c., and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Morrill: A bill (S. 1252) granting a pension to Sarah Clark; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Eustis: A bill (S. 1253) to provide for the establishment of steamship mail service between the United States and Brazil; to the Committee on Post Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Bayard: A bill (S. 1254) to provide for the expenditures of the judges of the courts of the United States while traveling in the discharge of judicial duty; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Saunders: A bill (S. 1255) to amend section 2997 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Beck: A bill (S. 1256) to authorize the Postmaster-General to place mail service on any public highway, river, or railroad within the United States when the public service requires it; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

A bill (S. 1257) to increase the pension of certain pensioned soldiers and sailors who have lost both their arms, or both their feet, or the sight of both eyes in the service of their country; to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Kirkwood submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That there be printed and bound in boards twenty thousand copies of the message of the President, communicating, in answer to a Senate resolution of February 20, 1878, information in relation to the diseases prevailing among swine and other domestic animals, with an index thereto, to be prepared by the Commission of Agriculture, referring to the contents of said communication under the heads of the different diseases therein treated of, of which four thousand copies shall be for the use of the Senate; twelve thousand copies for the use of the House of Representatives, and four thousand copies for the use of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1178) to provide a fire-proof building for the use of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the mechanical branches of the Treasury and other Departments; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Morgan,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution, submitted by him on the 8th instant, touching the relations of the United States with the Republic of Mexico; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the resolution be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 805) to repeal all that part of the act approved January 14, 1875, known as the resumption act, which authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to dispose of United States bonds and redeem and cancel the greenback currency; and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and,

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened.

The injunction of secrecy having been removed from an affidavit of Alexander Warner, which was read in executive session pending the nomination of George F. Cutter to be Chief of the Bureau of Provisions and Clothing in the Navy Department, and from the report of the Committee on Naval Affairs on the said nomination,

Mr. Edmunds submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent and agreed to:

Resolved, That the affidavit of Alexander Warner be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, with instructions to inquire into all the circumstances connected with his dismissal from the public service at the navy-yard at Brooklyn; and that in their investigation the committee have power to send for persons and papers.

Resolved, That the committee be authorized to appoint a subcommittee to proceed to New York to take testimony, with power to send for persons and papers and to administer oaths to witnesses.

On motion by Mr. Saulsbury, at 3 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a resolution of the Centennial Council No. 7, Sovereigns of Industry of the District of Columbia, in favor of the passage of a law providing for the appointment of a coal-weigher for said District, and requiring all coal-dealers to send the certificate of such weigher with each load of coal sold; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Withers presented a memorial of Matthew Woodyard, praying the recommittal of his claim for property taken during the late civil war to the Southern Claims Commission for consideration; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Kernan presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the passage of a law to refund to Miller and Richard a fine imposed upon them for undervaluing certain goods through the custom-house at San Francisco, California; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Eaton presented a memorial of Humphrey E. Woodhouse, praying the passage of a law authorizing a rehearing of his claim against the Republic of Mexico by the United States and Mexican Claims Commission, authorized by the convention of July 4, 1868; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented a copy of a letter of the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, in relation to the bill to aid the Winnebago Indians of Wisconsin to obtain subsistence by agricultural pursuits; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Gordon presented a memorial of Juliet Leep, widow of Henry Leep, deceased, and John McKee, praying the passage of a law authorizing the Treasury Department to adjust and settle their claims for damages alleged to have been sustained by the seizure and detention of the bark Mary Teresa, at the port of Bahia, by the orders of the United States consul at that place, January 20, 1848; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Cockrell presented resolutions of the Merchants' Exchange of Saint Louis, Missouri, in favor of such legislation as will prevent unjust combinations between the Union Pacific Railroad and other railroad companies; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1253) to provide for the establishment of steamship mail-service between the United States and Brazil, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 386) thereon.

Mr. Saulsbury, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1081) for the relief of David G. Potts, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Ordered, That the Committee on Printing be discharged from the further consideration of the letter of the Secretary of War of April 10, 1878, communicating copies of the annual reports of the generals commanding the Departments of the Columbia and of Dakota, and recommending that they be printed as a part of his annual report for 1877.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3259) providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia, reported it with an amendment.

Leave having been obtained, bills and a joint resolution were intro-

duced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. McDonald: A bill (S. 1258) for the relief of Nimrod D. Keneaster; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Cockrell: A bill (S. 1259) to amend chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A bill (S. 1260) for the relief of John W. Chickering; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Hamlin: A bill (S. 1261) for the relief of certain employés of the United States Government in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Windom: A bill (S. 1262) to amend an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," approved March 3, A. D. 1875; to the Select Committee on Transportation-Routes to the Seaboard.

By Mr. Wallace: A bill (S. 1263) to provide for the adjustment and settlement of certain internal-revenue taxes erroneously assessed and collected from the Cumberland Valley Railroad Company; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Gordon: A bill (S. 1264) for the relief of the legal representatives and sureties of Cyrus K. Osgood, deceased; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. McCreery: A bill (S. 1265) to incorporate the Army and Navy Life-Insurance Company of Washington, District of Columbia; to the Commitee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Butler: A joint resolution (S. 30) to create a commission to consider the subject of Army reform and reorganization; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Thurman submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to inform the Senate as to what discrepancies, if any, exist, to the prejudice of the T. Worthington claim, between the Third Auditor's report of March 20, 1876, and March 20, 1877, and his statement of February 21, 1876, including the Third Auditor's reports on the claim of 9, 1867, January 31 and March 25, 1870, with indorsements on the same, and with the reasons for said discrepancies, if any such exist.

On motion by Mr. Kernan,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3570) granting an increase of pension to John Murphy, late private Company F, Fifth Regiment United States Infantry; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives of March 27, 1878, to print extra copies of the Report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for 1877; and,

The question being on the first branch of the amendment reported by the Committee on Printing, viz: Strike out after the word "printed" the following words: "three hundred thousand copies of the Report of

mmissioner of Agriculture for 1877, two hundred and twenty-four
nd copies for the use of the House of Representatives, fifty-six
nd copies for the use of the Senate, and twenty thousand copies
use of the Department of Agriculture: Provided, however, that
mber of pages of said report shall not exceed five hundred," and
thereof insert the following words: *two hundred thousand copies of*
port of the Commissioner of Agriculture for eighteen hundred and
-seven, one hundred and fifty thousand copies for the use of the House
resentatives, thirty thousand copies for the use of the Senate, and
thousand copies for the use of the Department of Agriculture: Pro-
however, That the number of pages of said report shall not exceed six
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notion by Mr. Paddock to amend the part proposed to be stricken
striking out the word "five" in the last line and inserting *six*,
as determined in the affirmative; and,

he question to agree to the amendment as amended,
as determined in the negative.

second branch of the reported amendment having been amended
motion of Mr. Hoar,

he question to agree to the same as amended, viz, insert at the
the resolution the following words:

be it further resolved, That there be printed and bound five thousand
of The Colonial Charters and Constitutions of the United States,
d under the direction of the Senate, of which nine hundred copies
for the use of Senators and the Vice-President, and two thousand
ndred copies shall be for the use of Representatives and Delegates,
e remaining one thousand six hundred copies shall be distributed
Public Printer, as follows: To the President of the United States,
ies; to the Department of State, fifty copies for transmission to
States legations and consulates-general abroad; to the Library of
ss, for exchanges, four hundred and forty-five copies; to the War
ment, one copy for the Military Academy at West Point; to the
Department, one copy for the Naval Academy at Annapolis; to the
ment of Justice, one hundred copies for the use of that department,
ief Justice, and justices of the Supreme Court of the United States,
ges of the circuit and district courts of the United States, the Court of
, the Assistant Attorney-General, and the Solicitor-General; and to
ithsonian Institution, one copy; and one thousand copies for sale by
blic Printer at the cost of printing and binding. under such regula-
s he may prescribe under the direction of the Joint Committee on
ng.

as determined in the affirmative; and

resolution, as amended, was then agreed to as follows:

lved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That
be printed three hundred thousand copies of the Report of the
issioner of Agriculture for 1877, two hundred and twenty-four
nd copies for the use of the House of Representatives, fifty-six
nd copies for the use of the Senate, and twenty thousand copies
use of the Department of Agriculture: Provided, however, That
mber of pages of said report shall not exceed six hundred.

be it further resolved, That there be printed and bound five thou-
opies of The Colonial Charters and Constitutions of the United
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e distributed by the Public Printer as follows: To the President

of the United States, two copies; to the Department of State, fifty copies for transmission to United States legations and consulates-general abroad; to the Library of Congress, for exchanges, four hundred and forty-five copies; to the War Department, one copy for the Military Academy at West Point; to the Navy Department, one copy for the Naval Academy at Annapolis; to the Department of Justice, one hundred copies for the use of that department, the Chief Justice and justices of the Supreme Court of the United States, the judges of the circuit and district courts of the United States, the Court of Claims, the Assistant Attorney-General, and the Solicitor-General; and to the Smithsonian Institution, one copy; and one thousand copies for sale by the Public Printer, at the cost of printing and binding, under such regulations as he may prescribe under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to request the House of Representatives to return to the Senate the resolution providing for the printing and distribution of the compilation of Colonial Charters and State Constitutions, passed by the Senate February 4, 1878.

On motion by Mr. Beck that the Senate reconsider its vote postponing indefinitely the bill (S. 66) for the relief of John Thorns, of Fayette County, Kentucky,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1124) for the relief of the Winnebago Indians in Wisconsin, and to aid them to obtain subsistence by agricultural pursuits, and to promote their civilization; and,

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin,

Ordered, That the bill be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 805) to repeal all that part of the act approved January 14, 1875, known as the resumption act, which authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to dispose of United States bonds and redeem and cancel the greenback currency; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

The question being on the amendment reported by the Committee on Finance,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Matthews to amend the reported amendment,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Harris,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 532) to incorporate the Suburban Railway Company of Washington, in the District of Columbia; and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent, at 3 o'clock and 35 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, MAY 17, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate

of April 29, 1878, a report of Major D. C. Houston, Corps of Engineers, in relation to the money expended by the United States for the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers and intersecting canals; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Dorsey presented a memorial of certain colored citizens, representing the District of Columbia Western Emigration Society, praying an appropriation to enable such of their race as may desire to emigrate and settle upon unoccupied government lands in some of the Territories; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

Mr. Mitchell presented a petition of citizens of Oregon, praying that a duty of thirty cents per pound be imposed upon all stereotype and electrotype plates imported into the United Sates; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Randolph presented four memorials of citizens of New Jersey, remonstrating against any change in the present tariff laws; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Morrill presented a petition of the National Prohibition Alliance of the District of Columbia, praying the abolition of the liquor traffic in those portions of the country exclusively under the control of Congress; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Kernan presented a petition of John Hunter, of New York, praying compensation for certain property, located on Hart's Island, Long Island Sound, taken and appropriated by the United States for light-house purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Merrimon presented a petition of citizens of Washington, District of Columbia, praying the passage of the bill (S. 979) relating to the payment of taxes and assessments in said city; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Sargent presented a petition of Albert Husing, editor of the San José Courier, praying that a duty of thirty cents per pound be imposed on all stereotype and electrotype plates imported into the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented a petition of citizens of New York, praying an increased appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Harlem River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of citizens of New York, remonstrating against the passage of a law refunding to Miller and Richard a fine imposed upon them as a penalty for undervaluing a lot of goods through the custom-house at San Francisco, California; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ferry presented papers in relation to the conveyance to Jacob A. T. Wendell, Henry Van Allen, and John R. Bailey of a part of the military reservation at Fort Mackinac; which were referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Cockrell presented the petition of Mrs. W. Weckerle, widow of William Weckerle, late a private in Company H, Ninth Minnesota Volunteers, praying payment of amount of bounty claimed to be due her late husband; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

Ordered, That the amendment proposed by him to the bill (H. R. 805) to repeal all that part of the act approved January 14, 1875, known as the resumption act, which authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to dispose of United States bonds and redeem and cancel the greenback currency, be reprinted.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit for your appropriate action a communication from the Secretary of State on the subject of the result of the deliberations of the fishery commission, appointed under certain provisions of the treaty of Washington, with the accompanying documents.

Article 22 of the treaty provides that any sum of money which the commissioners may award shall be paid by the United States Government, in a gross sum, within twelve months after such award shall have been given.

The commission announced the result of its deliberations on the 23d day of November, last year, and an appropriation at the present session of Congress will be necessary to enable the government to make the payment provided for in the treaty.

I respectfully submit to the consideration of Congress the record of the transaction as presented upon the papers, and recommend an appropriation of the necessary sum, with such discretion to the Executive Government in regard to its payment as in the wisdom of Congress the public interests may seem to require.

R. B. HAYES.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, *May* 17, 1878.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Gordon,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Juliet Leep, widow of Henry Leep, deceased, and John McKee; and that it be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2028) granting a pension to Isabella Cassiday, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Ferry, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4286) to establish post-routes in the several States herein named, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1815) granting a pension to Florence V. Moore, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4055) to create a revenue in the District of Columbia by levying a tax upon all dogs therein, to make such dogs personal property, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1099) to provide for the settlement of tax-lien certificates erroneously issued by the late authorities of the District of Columbia, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 186) to provide for the settlement of tax-lien

certificates erroneously issued by the late authorities of the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Hamlin, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (S. 935) for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of James C. Pickett, deceased, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 405) to amend the first paragraph of section 2541 of the Revised Statutes relating to collection-districts in the State of New Jersey, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 257) to amend section 4200 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to clearances of ships and vessels bound to foreign ports, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 186, S. 935, S. 405, S. 257) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 498) to provide for the appointment of an additional circuit judge in the second judicial circuit, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (S. 1266) to provide for the appointment of an additional circuit judge in the seventh judicial circuit; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 844) granting a pension to Mary Martin, mother by adoption of James R. Martin, late a private in the Fifth Regiment Volunteers, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 387) thereon.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4) granting arrears of pensions, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 552) relating to the time when pensions shall begin to run, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 4, S. 552) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, reported a bill (S. 1267) fixing the date of commencement of certain pensions, and granting arrears in certain cases; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2936) granting a pension to George R. Whitehead, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 388) thereon.

Mr. Rollins, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1083) to incorporate the Collateral Loan and Trust Company of the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred

the bill (S. 618) for the relief of Frank P. Haywood, sr., reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 389) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 1083, S. 618) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3548) making appropriations for the payment of claims reported allowed by the Commissioners of Claims, under the act of Congress of March 3, 1871, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom were referred the maps accompanying the report of General G. K. Warren, on the subject of bridging the Mississippi River, reported the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the maps illustrating the report of Brevet Major-General G. K. Warren, major of engineers, upon the subject of bridging the Mississippi River, be printed with the report.

On motion by Mr. Bailey,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Rush County, Kansas, praying that a pension may be granted to Daniel Smith, late a private in Company L, Twelfth New York Cavalry.

Mr. Rollins, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1203) to repeal the act of Congress approved April 3, A. D. 1878, entitled "An act for the support of the government for the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and for other purposes," reported it with amendments.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Ferry: A bill (S. 1268) to authorize the Secretary of War to convey to Jacob A. T. Wendall, Henry Van Allen, and John R. Bailey a part of the military reservation of Fort Mackinac; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Dennis: A bill (S. 1269) for the relief of the Neufchatel Rock Paving Company; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 1270) providing for the adjudication and issue of patents in mission-land cases in the State of Oregon, and the Territories of Washington, Idaho, and Montana; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. Mitchell: A bill (S. 1271) for the relief of Jenkins A. Fitzgerald; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Hamlin: A bill (S. 1272) to amend section 4127 of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the judicial powers and functions of consuls; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. Matthews: A bill (S. 1273) granting a pension to Sarah A. Porter; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Kernan: A bill (S. 1274) to pay John Hunter for part of Hart Island, in Westchester County, State of New York, condemned and taken for light-house purposes; to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hamlin submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post-route from Hartford to Canton Village, in the county of Oxford, Maine.

Mr. Davis, of West Virginia, submitted the following resolution for sideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That the "select committee to investigate the finance orts, books, and accounts of the Treasury Department," appointed ler resolution of the Senate of November 19, 1877, in addition to the ver conferred by said resolution have leave to continue its investiga-n, and sit during the vacation or recess of the Senate.

Mr. Howe submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Rules be instructed to consider and ort upon the propriety of so amending the standing rules of the ate as to admit the heads of bureaus in the executive departments the floor of the Senate during its sessions.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said olution; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Hamlin by ling thereto the following:

And further to inquire into the propriety or expediency of adopting a rule venting any Senator from being at the Secretary's desk while the yeas and s are being taken,

The resolution as amended was agreed to.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its rk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and ned, May 14, 1878, an act (H. R. 1780) granting a pension to William Davis, late private in Company E, Thirty-First Illinois Infantry Vol-eers; and

He yesterday approved the following acts and joint resolution:

H. R. 3679. An act to amend a joint resolution authorizing the Secre-y of War to issue arms, approved July 3, 1876.

H. R. 3987. An act to regulate the advertising of mail-lettings, and other purposes.

H. R. 109. Joint resolution authorizing Lieutenant T. B. M. Mason, ited States Navy, to accept a medal conferred by the King of Italy extinguishing a fire on a powder-ship.

On motion by Mr. Bailey,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the (S. 849) granting a pension to James C. Downer; and no amendment ng made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of presentatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Withers that the Senate reconsider its vote post-ing indefinitely the bill (H. R. 1256) granting a pension to Rebecca Remick,

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

On motion by Mr. Withers,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Mitchell,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration the bill (S. 306) amendatory of the act entitled "An act granting ds to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from rtland to Astoria and McMinnville in the State of Oregon"; and, Pending debate,

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had ex-ed, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjourn-

ment yesterday, viz, the bill (S. 532) to incorporate the Suburban R way Company of Washington, in the District of Columbia; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the considerati of the said bill; and,

The question being on the amendment reported by the Committee on the District of Columbia,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Morrill to recommit the bill to the Committee on the District of Columbia, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of providing for an equitable tax on the gross receipts of the railway company therein provided for, and to provide for a fixed amount of capital, the number of shares subscribed for prior to any organization of said company, to prohibit the use of steam thereon within the city of Washington, and to diminish the number of avenues and streets through which said road may be authorized,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 18 / Nays 25

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Blaine, Cameron of Wisconsin, Davis of Illinois, Edmunds, Ferry, Hamlin, Hoar, Ingalls, Kernan, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Plumb, Sargent, Saunders, Teller.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Butler, Cockrell, Coke, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Randolph, Ransom, Rollins, Saulsbury, Voorhees, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The reported amendment having been amended on the motion of Mr. Harris, the motion of Mr. Morrill, the motion of Mr. Sargent, the motion of Mr. Hoar, and the motion of Mr. Christiancy, was agreed to, and the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 37 / Nays 15

On motion by Mr. Beck,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Coke, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Dennis, Eaton, Eustis, Ferry, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kernan, Lamar, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Paddock, Plumb, Ransom, Rollins, Saunders, Voorhees, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Beck, Cockrell, Hamlin, McCreery, McMillan, Mitchell, Morrill, Sargent, Saulsbury, Teller, Thurman, Wallace.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

n motion by Mr. Hamlin,
enate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the
R. 3123) extending the privileges of section 2990 to 2997 of the
Statutes, inclusive, to the port of Bath, in the State of Maine;
mendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.
ed, That it pass to a third reading.
aid bill was read the third time.
ed, That it pass.
ed, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives

enate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the
g bills; and the amendments reported by the Committee on
s having been agreed to, the bills were severally reported to the
nd the amendments were concurred in:
. A bill granting a pension to Cornelius Le Roy.
. A bill granting a pension to William Criddle.
. A bill granting a pension to Edmund Woog.
ed, That the bills be engrossed and read a third time.
aid bills were severally read the third time.
ed, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as
l.
ed, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of
ntatives therein.
enate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the
R. 2176) granting an increase of pension to Mattie McTaggart,
f the late First Lieutenant McTaggart, Seventeenth United
nfantry; and the amendment reported by the Committee on
s having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and
ndment was concurred in.
ed, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third

id bill as amended was read the third time.
ed, That it pass.
d, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of
ntatives in the amendment.
enate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the
g bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally
to the Senate:
8. An act for the relief of Othniel P. Hollis, of the Soldiers'
ugusta, Maine.
97. An act granting a pension to William A. Miller.
300. An act for the relief of Dudley A. Fish, of Bucyrus, Ohio.
388. An act for the relief of William Roylston, late private
y D, First Regiment Tennessee Light Artillery.
439. An act granting a pension to Jonathan R. Tilman.
490. An act granting a pension to Rose Miller, widow of Reason
r, deceased, late a private in Company E, One hundred and
hird Illinois Infantry.
524. An act granting a pension to Lemuel L. Lawrence, late
eutenant Company B, in the Sixth Regiment Illinois Cavalry
rs.
531. An act restoring the name of Thomas W. Brown to the
oll.
532. An act granting a pension to John Frey.
941. An act granting a pension to George Grove.

H. R. 1809. An act granting a pension to William H. Shultis, late [illegible] of Company K, Fourteenth Regiment New York Volunteers.

H. R. 1815. An act granting a pension to Florence V. Moore.

H. R. 1949. An act granting a pension to Benjamin C. Webster.

H. R. 1975. An act to amend an act granting a pension to William Hafford, of South Yarmouth, Massachusetts, approved May 8, 1874.

H. R. 2026. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Julia S. W. Evans, widow of Henry D. Evans, late first lieutenant of Company B, Thirteenth Missouri Volunteers.

H. R. 3080. An act granting a pension to Warren F. Wood.

H. R. 3098. An act granting a pension to Joseph L. Young, late a private Company C, Eleventh Regiment Maine Volunteers.

H. R. 3105. An act granting a pension to Ruth Isabelle Naylor, widow of Captain Charles Naylor of the Second Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Mexican war.

H. R. 3107. An act granting a pension to Louisa J. Guthrie and others.

H. R. 3113. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Emily H. Lyford.

H. R. 3114. An act providing an increase of pension to Charles H. Day.

H. R. 3115. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth Totten, widow of the late Commodore Benjamin J. Totten, United States Navy.

H. R. 3568. An act granting a pension to Mary T. Thompson, widow of William Thompson, late second lieutenant Company E, Twelfth New York Volunteers.

H. R. 3569. An act granting a pension to Ovid H. Clark.

H. R. 3730. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth Reese, widow of John Reese, a deceased soldier.

H. R. 3731. An act granting a pension to Rebecca T. Scott, widow of John B. Scott, late of the United States Army.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 362. A bill granting a pension to A. G. Ege.

S. 526. A bill granting a pension to James McDonald.

S. 744. A bill granting a pension to Sarah McCooey.

S. 852. A bill granting a pension to Mary E. Pauley.

S. 969. A bill granting a pension to Mrs. N. E. Belrichards.

S. 1029. A bill for the relief of John M. Lord.

S. 1040. A bill granting a pension to Richard Middleton.

S. 1163. A bill granting a pension to Mary E. Parker.

S. 1164. A bill granting a pension to David Dimmick.

S. 1165. A bill granting a pension to Mary McAdams.

S. 1188. A bill granting a pension to Harmon Vaun.

S. 1189. A bill granting a pension to Ellen Devlin.

S. 1206. A bill granting a pension to Emily Hughes, alias Burch.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 877) providing the times and places of holding the circuit court of the United States in the district of Iowa, and the appointment of an additional judge in said district; and the amendments reported by the Committee on the Judiciary having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Davis, of Illinois, was reported to the Senate, and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 34 / Nays 12

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bailey, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Edmunds, Eustis, Harris, Hereford, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Kellogg, Kernan, Kirkwood, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Teller, Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Beck, Cockrell, Eaton, Hill, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, Morgan, Saulsbury, Voorhees, Withers.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Merrimon,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1028) declaratory of the law relating to descents and inheritance in the District of Columbia in certain cases; and, the amendments reported by the Committee on the District of Columbia having been agreed to,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 805) to repeal all that part of the act approved January 14, 1875, known as the resumption act, which authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to dispose of United States bonds and redeem and cancel the greenback currency; and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent, at 4 o'clock and 50 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, MAY 20, 1878.

Mr. Whyte presented a resolution of the legislature of Maryland, in favor of the passage of a law granting aid in the construction of the Delaware Ship-Canal; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Hoar presented a memorial of citizens of Massachusetts, remon-

strating against any change or modification of the patent laws which shall permit the extension of seventeen years, patents; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Hoar presented resolutions of the workmen in the navy-yard at Boston, Massachusetts, in favor of the restoration of the "national eight-hour law"; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Armstrong presented a memorial of citizens of Missouri, remonstrating against the passage of any law imposing a tax on incomes; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petitions, praying the abolition of the duty on hatters' black silk plush, or its reduction to not more than ten per centum ad valorem, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Burnside: A petition of citizens of Rhode Island.

By Mr. Eaton: A petition of citizens of Connecticut.

By Mr. Armstrong: A petition of citizens of Missouri.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hoar presented the petition of Ezekiel W. Bullard, praying an extension of his patent for an improvement in hay-tedders; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate resolutions of the city council of Chicago, Illinois, in favor of the passage of a law placing the name of James Shields on the retired-list of the Army, with the rank of brigadier-general.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a memorial of the Chickasaw Nation of Indians, praying payment of arrears of interest claimed to be due said tribe, as provided by former treaty stipulations; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Whyte presented a memorial of the Merchants' Exchange of Baltimore, remonstrating against granting any subsidy to the proposed line of steamers between the United States and Brazil.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Kernan presented a memorial of Henry Erben, commander United States Navy, praying to be allowed to appear before the proper naval board of officers for examination for promotion; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Windom presented a petition of citizens of Washington, District of Columbia, praying an appropriation to enable the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to complete the northern approaches to the Capitol and the grading and sewerage of the Tiber valley; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Hoar presented a letter from H. D. Jarvis, suggesting certain amendments to the pension laws; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Allison presented several petitions of citizens of the United States praying the removal of the local board of inspectors of steam-vessels from Galena, Illinois, to Dubuque, Iowa; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Morgan presented a letter of the Secretary of War, in relation to the compensation to be allowed George Williams for certain work performed upon the Muscle Shoals Canal, on the Tennessee River; which, together with an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (S. 1244) for the relief of George Williams, was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Edmunds, from the Committee on Private Land-Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 376) to provide for ascertaining and settling

and-claims in certain States and Territories, reported it with
lment.
mmunds, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was re-
e bill (S. 415) for the relief of Ella Long, reported it without
nt.
alls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
S. 971) granting a pension to William Leibig, reported it with-
dment, and submitted a report (No. 390) thereon.
alls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
H. R. 519) granting a pension to Mrs. Ellen B. Foster, widow
R. Foster, deceased, late first lieutenant of Company G, in the
Illinois Infantry Volunteers, reported it without amendment,
itted a report (No. 391) thereon.
alls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
H. R. 3111) granting a pension to Julia Watkins, widow of
I. Watkins, late captain Company B, Purnell Legion, Maryland,
it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.
alls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
H. R. 522) granting a pension to James B. Gillespie, late cap-
pany I, One hundred and twentieth Regiment Illinois Infantry
rs, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No.
eon.
iley, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
H. R. 3116) granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Maria B.
orted it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.
iley, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
H. R. 1147) granting a pension to Catherine Brennan, widow of
nnan, late private of Company B, Fifty-eighth Illinois Volun-
orted it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.
alls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
H. R. 2534) granting an increase of pension to Robert W. Liv-
eported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse re-
393) thereon.
nate proceeded to consider the said bills (H. R. 3116, H. R. 1147,
, 2534) as in Comm ittee of the Whole; and no amendments
de, they were severally reported to the Senate.
, That they be postponed indefinitely.
kwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was re-
bill (H. R. 3106) granting a pension to Daniel W. Martin, a pri-
mpany A, Fifty-seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteers, reported
amendment, and submitted a report (No. 394) thereon.
mmunds, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom
red the bill (S. 334) to provide for ascertaining and settling
nd-claims in certain States and Territories, reported it without
nt, and that it ought not to pass.
Millan, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was re-
bill (S. 1036) to incorporate the United States Commercial Com-
orted it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.
nate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills
. 1036) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment
de, they were reported to the Senate.
, That they be postponed indefinitely.
ley, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
H. R. 1688) to restore the name of Hamilton Ryne to the pen-
reported it without amendment.
ley, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred

the bill (H. R. 3578) granting a pension to Julia J. Wheeler, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 396) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of John Charles Black, praying for a pension, submitted a report (No. 397) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1275) granting a pension to John Charles Black; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 763) to provide for holding term of the circuit and district courts in the district of Colorado, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Thurman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1077) to relieve certain legal disabilities of women, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Booth, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 314) to confirm the term, for the period of seventeen years from the date of its original grant, of the patent of Thomas A. Weston, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Christiancy: A bill (S. 1276) to reorganize the Court of Claims and extend its jurisdiction to take all claims from before Congress and the departments for adjudication; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Jones, of Florida: A bill (S. 1277) to extend the jurisdiction of the district and circuit courts of the United States for the southern district of Florida; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Windom: A bill (S. 1278) to amend section twenty-three of an act entitled "An act to amend the customs revenue laws and to repeal moieties," approved June 22, 1874; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Paddock: A bill (S. 1279) to provide for the appointment of an additional circuit judge in the eighth judicial circuit; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McMillan: A bill (S. 1280) to provide for the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River from the military reservation of Fort Snelling, in the State of Minnesota; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Sargent: A bill (S. 1281) to regulate immigration; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Paddock: A bill (S. 1282) to grant lands to Dakota, Montana, Arizona, Idaho, and Wyoming for university purposes; to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Rollins submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they hereby are, directed to furnish the Senate with the following information:

First. The amount of taxes assessed against the several street-railroads in the District of Columbia for each fiscal year under the provision of their

declaring that their roads shall be deemed real estate and lia-
: as other real estate, and what portion of said taxes has been

. If there has in any year been any omission to assess such tax
e the collection of the same, the reasons therefor.
The amount of special improvement taxes assessed against
aid roads, the streets or avenues upon which such assessments
de, the amount collected thereon, and the streets, avenues, or
:upied by said roads, for the improvement of which no assess-
been made against them.
. Whether, in case of the changes in the grade of the streets
ues occupied by any of the said roads, the said railroads are
to change their said roads so as to conform to such altered
d pavements, or was the cost of such change paid by the Dis-
d, if so, upon what streets?
The appraised value of the real estate, other than their roads
, owned and occupied by each of said roads.
The amount of licenses or other taxes assessed or collected
of said roads for each fiscal year since July 1, 1871, and the
if any, now due and unpaid.
)ar submitted the following resolution; which was considered,
mous consent, and agreed to:
d, That the Committee on the Library be directed to consider
rt on the propriety of placing in a portion of one of the rooms
from the Senate Chamber a small library of books for reference
se of the Senate.
1 motion by Mr. Jones, of Florida,
nate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the
132) for the relief of Lieutenant-Commander James H. Sands,
States Navy; and
d, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Naval

1 motion by Mr. Maxey,
nate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the
114) to amend the one hundred and third Article of War; and
idments reported by the Committee on Military Affairs having
ed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments
curred in.
d, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.
id bill was read the third time.
d, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.
d, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of
ıtatives therein.
sage from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its

esident: The House of Representatives has passed the bill of
te (S. 396) to amend section 2464 of the Revised Statutes, relat-
ıltivation of timber on the public domain, with an amendment,
it requests the concurrence of the Senate.
ouse of Representatives has disagreed to the amendment of the
) the joint resolution (H. R. 152) to enable the joint commission
into effect the act of Congress providing for the completion of
hington Monument.
ouse of Representatives further insists upon its disagreement
1 amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 2507) making ap-
ons for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year

ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, insisted upon by the Senate, and it further insists upon its amendment to the fourteenth amendment of the Senate to the said bill. It asks a further conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Durham, Mr. Clymer, and Mr. A. Herr Smith, managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 3974) making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1879. It asks a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. A. Herr Smith, Mr. A. S. Hewitt, and Mr. William A. J. Sparks managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 4549) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes. It asks a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Sparks, Mr. Singleton, and Mr. John H. Baker managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 4874) for the relief of the sureties of John McNellis, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate; and

It has passed the following resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring,) That there be bound five hundred copies of the Geological and Geographical Atlas of Colorado and portions of the adjacent territory under the Hayden survey; one copy for distribution to each Senator and member of the House of Representatives and Delegate from the Territories; the balance for distribution by the office of the survey; the style of binding to be determined by the joint committee of the two houses on printing.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed thirty-five enrolled bills (S. 20, S. 926, S. 930, H. R. 8, H. R. 97, H. R. 251, H. R. 300, H. R. 388, H. R. 439, H. R. 490, H. R. 524, H. R. 531, H. R. 532, H. R. 941, H. R. 1809, H. R. 1815, H. R. 1949, H. R. 1975, H. R. 2026, H. R. 2028, H. R. 3080, H. R. 3098, H. R. 3105, H. R. 3107, H. R. 3113, H. R. 3114, H. R. 3115, H. R. 3121, H. R. 3123, H. R. 3568, H. R. 3569, H. R. 3570, H. R. 3730, H. R. 3731, and H. R. 3824,) and an enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 151), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the bill of the House (H. R. 3974) making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending June 30 18.9, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agree to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Sargent, Mr. Dorsey, and Mr. Davis, of West Virginia.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives ereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the bill of the ouse (H. R. 4519) making appropriations for the current and contin-nt expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipu-lons with various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1879, d for other purposes, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; d,

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said bill agreed to by the House of Representatives, and agree to the con-ence asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two houses ereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Allison, Mr. Windom, and . Eaton.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives ereof.

Mr. Armstrong reported from the committee that they had examined d found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolution:

S. 20. An act authorizing the citizens of Colorado, Nevada, and the rritories, to fell and remove timber on the public domain for mining d domestic purposes.

S. 926. An act for the sale of timber-lands in the States of California, egon, and Nevada, and in Washington Territory.

S. 930. An act granting a pension to Mary B. Marsh.

H. R. 8. An act for the relief of Othniel P. Hollis, of the Soldiers' ome, Augusta, Maine.

H. R. 97. An act granting a pension to William A. Miller.

H. R. 251. An act for the relief of James J. Waring, of Savannnah, orgia.

H. R. 300. An act for the relief of Dudley A. Fish, of Bucyrus, Ohio.

H. R. 388. An act for the relief of William Roylston, late private mpany D, First Regiment Tennessee Light Artillery.

H. R. 439. An act granting a pension to Jonathan R. Tillman.

H. R. 490. An act granting a pension to Rose Miller, widow of Reason Miller, deceased, late a private in Company E, One hundred and enty third Illinois Infantry.

H. R. 524. An act granting a pension to Lemuel L. Lawrence, late ond lieutenant Company B, in the Sixth Regiment Illinois Cavalry lunteers.

H. R. 531. An act restoring the name of Thomas W. Brown to the nsion roll.

H. R. 532. An act granting a pension to John Frey.

H. R. 941. An act granting a pension to George Grove.

H. R. 1809. An act granting a pension to William H. Shultis, late of mpany K, Fourteenth Regiment New York Volunteers.

H. R. 1815. An act granting a pension to Florence V. Moore.

H. R. 1949. An act granting a pension to Benjamin C. Webster.

H. R. 1975. An act to amend an act granting a pension to William fford of South Yarmouth, Massachusetts, approved May 8, 1874.

H. R. 2026. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Julia S. W. Evans, dow of Henry D. Evans, late first lieutenant of Company B, Thirteenth issouri Volunteers.

H. R. 2028. An act granting a pension to Isabella Cassidy.

H. H. 3080. An act granting a pension to Warren F. Wood.

H. R. 3098. An act granting a pension to Joseph L. Young, late a private in Company C, Eleventh Regiment Maine Volunteers.

H. R. 3105. An act granting a pension to Ruth Isabelle Naylor, widow of Captain Charles Naylor of the Second Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Mexican war.

H. R. 3107. An act granting a pension to Louisa J. Guthrie and others.

H. R. 3113. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Emily H. Lyford.

H. R. 3114. An act granting an increase of pension to Charles H. Day.

H. R. 3115. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth Totten, widow of the late Commodore Benjamin J. Totten, United States Navy.

H. R. 3121. An act for the relief of Numis H. Coverdale.

H. R. 3123. An act extending the privileges of section 2990 to 2997 of the Revised Statutes, inclusive, to the port of Bath, in the State of Maine.

H. R. 3568. An act granting a pension to Mary T. Thompson, widow of William Thompson, late second lieutenant Company E, Twelfth New York Volunteers.

H. R. 3569. An act granting a pension to Ovid H. Clark.

H. R. 3570. An act granting an increase of pension to John Murphy, late private Company F, Fifth Regiment United States Infantry.

H. R. 3730. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth Reese, widow of John Reese, a deceased soldier.

H. R. 3731. An act granting a pension to Rebecca T. Scott, widow of Major John B. Scott late of the United States Army.

H. R. 3824. An act to authorize the survey of the Cattaraugus Indian reservation in the State of New York.

H. R. 151. Joint resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund to the Society of the Sons of Saint George, established at Philadelphia, the sum of fourteen hundred and forty dollars and twenty-five cents in gold, being the amount paid by said society upon a colossal statue of Saint George and the Dragon.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has appointed Honorable Milton Sayler, a Representative from the State of Ohio, as Speaker *pro tempore* during the temporary absence of the Speaker.

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its last adjournment, viz, the bill (H. R. 805) to repeal all that part of the act approved January 14, 1875, known as the resumption act, which authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to dispose of United States bonds and redeem and cancel the greenback currency; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Cockrell to postpone the further consideration of the bill, and that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 4245) authorizing the President of the United States to appoint James Shields, of Missouri, a brigadier general in the United States Army on the retired-list,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 33 / Nays..... 20

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

ho voted in the affirmative are,
Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Butler,
f Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Davis
irginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Grover, Harris, Here-
Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery,
, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Patterson, Randolph, Thurman,

ıo voted in the negative are,
Allison, Booth, Burnside, Davis of Illinois, Edmunds, Ferry,
oar, Ingalls, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Mor-
y, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Teller, Windom.
otion was agreed to; and
ate proceeded to consider the said bill as in the Committee
ole; and,
ın by Mr. Sargent to amend the bill by inserting the follow-
ıdditional section:
hat the President is hereby authorized to appoint Ulysses S. Grant,
commanding the Army of the United States, a general on the
of the Army, with the full rank, pay, and allowances of that grade,
at the general so retired shall not be allowed forage for horses,
ion therefor, or aid-de-camp or other staff officers, unless called
ervice in time of war, and all laws or parts of laws inconsistent
e hereby repealed so far as to enable the President to make this
t,
bate,
etermined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 30 / Nays 28
notion by Mr. Sargent,
ı and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
ho voted in the affirmative are,
Allison, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Cameron of Penn-
Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Conover, Dor-
nds, Ferry, Hamlin, Hoar, Ingalls, Kellogg, Kirkwood, Lamar,
Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Patterson, Plumb, Rollins,
aunders, Teller, Windom.
ıo voted in the negative are,
Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Cockrell, Coke,
Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Eaton, Eustis,
ırris, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, McCreery,
, Maxey, Merrimon, Oglesby, Randolph, Thurman, Voorhees,
ithers.
nendment was agreed to.
ther debate,
on by Mr. Hamlin, at 5 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m., that
adjourn,
etermined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 32 / Nays 30
notion by Mr. Dorsey,
ı and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,
ıo voted in the affirmative are,
Allison, Anthony, Blaine Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Cameron
vania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Con-
s of Illinois, Dorsey, Edmunds, Ferry, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe,
Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby,
Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Teller, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Butler, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of West Virginia, Dennis, Eustis, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, McPherson, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Paddock, Randolph, Thurman, Voorhees, Withers.

So the motion was agreed to, and

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* signed the thirty-five enrolled bills (S. 20, S. 926, S. 930, H. R. 8, H. R. 97, H. R. 251, H. R. 300, H. R. 388, H. R. 439, H. R. 490, H. R. 524, H. R. 531, H. R. 532, H. R. 941, H. R. 1809, H. R. 1815, H. R. 1949, H. R. 1975, H. R. 2026, H. R. 2028, H. R. 3080, H. R. 3098, H. R. 3105, H. R. 3107, H. R. 3113, H. R. 3114, H. R. 3115, H. R. 3121, H. R. 3123, H. R. 3568, H. R. 3569, H. R. 3570, H. R. 3730, H. R. 3731, and H. R. 3824) and the enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 151) yesterday reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill (H. R. 4874) yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The resolution providing for binding 500 copies of the Geological and Geographical Atlas of Colorado and portions of the adjacent territory, under the Hayden survey, was read and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 396) to amend section 2464 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the cultivation of timber on the public domain; and,

On motion by Mr. Paddock,

Ordered, That the bill and amendment be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Navy, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of April 16, 1878, the proceedings of the several boards of medical officers in the case of Captain William N. Jeffers, which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs and ordered to be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a petition of citizens of Michigan, praying the passage of a law refunding to persons the amount of money spent in defending their homesteads; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Johnston presented a memorial of H. S. Pelouze and Son, of Richmond, Virginia, remonstrating against the passage of a law refunding to Miller and Richard the amount of a certain fine imposed upon them as a penalty for undervaluing a lot of goods through the custom-house at San Francisco, California; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Thurman presented the petition of James A. Barr, late second lieutenant Company I, Twenty-sixth Ohio Volunteers, praying the passage of a law authorizing a correction of his muster; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Conkling presented the petition of Mrs. Harriet Downs Lewis, praying the passage of a law imposing upon those who vote for licensing

e of alcoholic liquors all the public expense arising from the use of
ie.
red, That it lie on the table.
Conkling presented a memorial of J. and F. B. Garrett, of Syracuse,
ork, remonstrating against the passage of a law refunding to
nd Richard the amount of a fine imposed upon them as a pen-
undervaluing of a lot of goods through the custom-house at
ancisco, California; which was referred to the Committee on
e.
Grover presented a memorial of citizens of Oregon remonstrating
any change in the present tariff on wool; which was referred to
nmittee on Finance.
Grover presented the petition of Joseph Lane McDonald, praying
eal of the law for the protection of fur-bearing animals; which
erred to the Committee on Commerce.
Thurman presented a petition of citizens of Ohio, praying the
e of a law for the equalization of bounties; which was referred
Committee on Military Affairs.
Rollins presented a memorial of Richard B. L. Macrae, guardian
ell M. Bradley, and others, praying an appropriation for the pur-
building a dam or causeway from Mason's Island in the Poto-
ver to the western shore of said river; which was referred to the
ttee on the District of Columbia.
On motion by Mr. Ferry,
red, That the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads be dis-
d from the further consideration of the memorial of the legisla-
Wisconsin in favor of an increase of mail-service in Door and
nee Counties in that State.
Ferry, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the
R. 4663) to forbid the further retirement of United States legal-
notes, reported it without amendment.
On motion by Mr. Ferry,
red, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the
consideration of the bill (H. R. 1008) relating to the Cumberland
the State of Ohio, and to authorize the same to become a free
nd that it be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-

Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
(H. R. 3109) granting a pension to Margaret Kenah, widow of
Kenah, late a private of Company D, First United States Artil-
ported it without amendment.
Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
(H. R. 3579) granting a pension to Philip Henry, reported it
t amendment, and submitted a report (No. 398) thereon.
On motion by Mr. Voorhees,
red, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the
consideration of the bill (S. 607) granting a pension to Theodore

Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
(H. R. 3573) granting a pension to Charles G. Galezio, reported
out amendment.
Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred
(H. R. 1175) granting a pension to George Silvers, private Com-
, Fifty-seventh Regiment United States Volunteers, reported it
t amendment, and submitted a report (No. 399) thereon.
Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was re-

ferred the bill (S. 585) to amend section 2763 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the employments of boats by collectors of customs, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 279) to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi at Memphis, Tennessee, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (S. 585, S. 279) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1111) for the relief of Somerville and Davis, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3828) to amend section 23 of the act approved June 22, 1874, entitled "An act to amend customs-revenue laws and to repeal moieties," reported it with amendments.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4413) to provide for the free entry of articles imported for exhibition by societies established for encouragement of the arts or sciences, and for other purposes, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 153) providing for issue of arms to Territories, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 950) in relation to certain fees allowed registers and receivers, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 418) to amend section 532 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to the division of the State of Alabama into judicial districts, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 577) to provide for the appointment of a district judge for the western district of Tennessee, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Bruce,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 3576) granting a pension to Catherine D. Hunt, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1304) granting a pension to Anna M. Clippinger, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 710) granting a pension to Jane D. Cotton, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 400) thereon.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1196) granting a pension to Jane D. Cotton, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Paddock, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was ferred the bill (H. R. 3373) for the relief of settlers on the public lands der the pre-emption laws, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Beck,

Ordered, That the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from e further consideration of the bill (H. R. 4556) for the relief of F. W)lladay, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hamlin, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was ferred the bill (S. 1272) to amend section 4127 of the Revised Statutes the United States, in relation to the judicial powers and functions of nsuls, reported it with an amendment.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and cond times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Thurman: A bill (S. 1283) for the relief of James A. Barr; to e Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Saunders: A bill (S. 1284) creating the Utah and Northern ilway Company a corporation in the Territories of Utah, Idaho, and ontana, and granting the right of way to said company through the blic lands; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Davis, of Illinois: A bill (S. 1285) to amend the act entitled n act to provide for furnishing trusses to disabled soldiers," approved ay 28, 1872; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 1286) for the relief of the Mobile Marine- ock Company; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Howe: A bill (S. 1287) for the relief of Burr S. Craft; to the mmittee on Claims.

By Mr. Ingalls: A bill (S. 1288) to repeal section 4717 of the Revised atutes;

A bill (S. 1289) relating to claim agents and attorneys in pension ses; and

A bill (S. 1290) to amend section 4702 of the Revised Statutes; to e Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Windom, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing tes of the two houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill of e House (H. R. 2507) making appropriations for the support of the litary Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other rposes, reported that, having met, after full and free conference the mmittee were unable to agree; and

On motion by Mr. Windom that the Senate further insist upon its endments to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representa- es, further insist upon its disagreement to the amendment of the use to the fourteenth amendment of the Senate to the bill, and agree the further conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes the two houses thereon,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 53 / Nays 00

On motion by Mr. Allison,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, aine, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cam- on of Wisconsin, Coke, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West rginia, Dennis, Dorsey, Eaton, Edmunds, Eustis, Ferry, Grover, ereford, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McCreery, cDonald, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, itchell, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Randolph, llins, Sargent, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Whyte, Withers.

None voted in the negative.

So the motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the conferees be appointed by the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Windom, Mr. Blaine, and Mr. Withers.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Paddock, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 396) to amend section 2464 of the Revised Statutes, relating to cultivation of timber on the public domain, reported it with a recommendation that the Senate disagree thereto; and,

On motion by Mr. Paddock,

Resolved, That the Senate disagree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said bill and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Paddock, Mr. Plumb, and Mr. Grover.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendment to the joint resolution of the House (H. R. 152) to enable the joint commission to carry into effect the act of Congress providing for the completion of the Washington Monument, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and,

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendment to the said resolution disagreed to by the House of Representatives and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President *pro tempore.*

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3546) to change the name of the steamboat D. A. McDonald to Silver Wave; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Bailey that the Senate reconsider its vote postponing indefinitely the bill (H. R. 1147) granting a pension to Catherine Brennan, widow of John Brennan, late private of Company B, Fifty-eighth Illinois Volunteers,

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

On motion by Mr. Bailey,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted the Committee on Pensions.

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 4245) authorizing the President of the United States to appoint James Shields, of Missouri, a brigadier-general in the United States Army, on the retired-list; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration

aid bill; and no further amendment being proposed, the bill rted to the Senate.

question to concur in the amendment made in Committee of le, viz, insert as an additional section the following:

That the President is hereby authorized to appoint Ulysses S. te general commanding the Army of the United States, a general ired-list of the Army, with the full rank, pay, and allowances of e, excepting that the general so retired shall not be allowed forage or commutation therefor, or aids-de-camp or other staff-officers, lled into active service in time of war; and all laws or parts of nsistent herewith are hereby repealed so far as to enable the Presi- ake this appointment,

determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 32 / Nays 28

n motion by Mr. Cockrell,

eas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, who voted in the affirmative are,

s. Allison, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Cameron of Penn-, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Conover, Dor- unds, Ferry, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Kellogg, Kirk- [cMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Patterson, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

who voted in the negative are,

s. Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Cockrell, Coke, f Illinois, Dennis, Eaton, Eustis, Grover, Harris, Hereford, , Jones of Florida, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, McPherson, Merrimon, Morgan, Randolph, Thurman, Voorhees, Whyte,

amendment was concurred in.

tion by Mr. Thurman to amend the bill by striking out all enacting clause and in lieu thereof inserting the following:

he Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and to place on the pension-roll, subject to the provisions and limitations nsion laws, the name of James Shields, late a brigadier-general of d States Volunteers, at the rate of one hundred dollars per month, ion to be in lieu of that which he now receives,

determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 31 / Nays 33

n motion by Mr. Whyte,

eas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, who voted in the affirmative are,

s. Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Burnside, Christiancy, Coke, , Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dennis, Eaton, Eustis, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Hoar, Johnston, Kernan, McCreery, McPherson, Merrimon, Morgan, Morrill, Randolph, Thurman, Wadleigh, Withers.

who voted in the negative are,

s. Allison, Armstrong, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Butler, Cameron sylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Dorsey, Ferry, Ham- re, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kirkwood, Lamar, ld, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Oglesby, Paddock, Patterson, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Windom.

amendment was not agreed to.

ther amendment being proposed,

d, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 30 / Nays..... 34

On motion by Mr. Whyte,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Blaine, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Conkling, Conover, Dorsey, Ferry, Hill, Ingalls, Kellogg, Lamar, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morgan, Morrill, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Sargent, Spencer, Voorhees, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Christiancy, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Dennis, Eaton, Edmunds, Eustis, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hoar, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Kirkwood, McCreery, McPherson, Maxey, Merrimon, Oglesby, Randolph, Rollins, Saunders, Teller, Thurman, Wadleigh, Whyte, Withers.

So the bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3259) providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia; and,

The question being on the amendment reported by the Committee on the District of Columbia,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened.

Mr. Teller submitted a motion that the Senate reconsider its vote rejecting the bill (H. R. 4245) authorizing the President of the United States to appoint James Shields, of Missouri, a brigadier-general in the United States Army on the retired-list; and,

On motion by Mr. Teller,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to request the House of Representatives to return the said bill to the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Butler, at 4 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1878.

Mr. Matthews presented a memorial of the Cincinnati Type Foundry Company, remonstrating against the passage of a bill refunding to Miller and Richards the amount of a fine imposed upon them as a penalty for undervaluing a lot of goods through the custom-house at San Francisco, California; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Merrimon presented five petitions of citizens of North Carolina, praying the repeal of the law imposing a tax of ten per centum on the circulating notes of State banks; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Hamlin presented the petition of John Brown, guardian of Archibald and John Nelson, minor heirs of John Nelson, deceased, praying that they be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sargent presented a petition of Benjamin S. Brooks, Egbert Judı, and John Center, praying compensation for property alleged to ve been seized and appropriated to the use of the United States by ı military authorities in the harbor of San Francisco, California, in ı year 1867; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Allison presented papers in relation to the application of Elias D. uner, late a master United States Navy, to be appointed a master on ı retired-list of the Navy; which were referred to the Committee on ıval Affairs.

Mr. Allison, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing tes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 4549) making appropriations : the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and : fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ding June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, submitted the following port:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two ıuses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 4549) makg appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the dian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various dian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, ıving met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, d do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 15, 25, 30, 37, , and 62.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments mbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, , 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 46, 48, 49, 50, 53, 54, , 56, 57, 59, 60, and agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 9, with an ıendment as follows:

Substitute for the words proposed to be stricken out the following: *the Abiquiu agency, at the rate of twelve hundred dollars, during the ıtinuance of said agency;* and the House agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numred 22, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out "one" and insert *three;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numred 23, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Substitute for the sum proposed by said amendment the sum of 03,800; and the Senate agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 31, with an ıendment as follows:

Strike out the words "Commissioner of Indian Affairs," and substite therefor *Secretary of the Interior;* and the House agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 43, with an ıendment as follows:

Strike out of said amendment the word "eighty" and substitute there- r the word *ninety;* and the House agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment ımbered 45, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out after the word "select" in line 4 of said amendment the ɔrds "with the consent of said Indians," and insert in lieu thereof *t inconsistent with treaty stipulations with said tribes;* and the Senate ;ree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment num- ıred 47, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out the word "sixteen," in line 2 of said amendment, and insert in lieu thereof the word *ten;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 52, and agree to the words proposed to be stricken out, amended as follows:

After the first word insert *the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars of,* and strike out the word "reappropriated" in lines 6 and 7, page 42 of the bill, and insert in lieu thereof the word *appropriated;* and the House agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 58, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

After the word "hundred," in the first line of said amendment, insert *and thirty;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 61, and agree to the words proposed to be stricken out, with an amendment substituting for the words "Commissioner of Indian Affairs" the words *Secretary of the Interior;* and the House agree to the same.

W. B. ALLISON,
WILLIAM WINDOM,
WILLIAM W. EATON,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
WILLIAM A. J. SPARKS,
JOHN H. BAKER,
O. R. SINGLETON,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and,

On motion of Mr. Allison,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Blaine, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following report:

The Committee on Rules ask leave to report a series of joint rules, to be proposed to the House of Representatives.

They are the same joint rules in force in former Congresses, excepting therefrom the 22d joint rule, prescribing the proceedings in regard to counting the electoral votes of States, and adding a rule in regard to general legislation on appropriation bills.

Respectfully submitted, with the accompanying resolution.

J. G. BLAINE,
T. W. FERRY,
A. S. MERRIMON,
Committee on Rules.

Resolved, That the following joint rules be proposed to the House of Representatives:

JOINT RULES OF THE TWO HOUSES.

CONFERENCES.

1. In every case of an amendment of a bill agreed to in one house and dissented to in the other, if either House shall request a conference, and appoint a committee for that purpose, and the other house shall also appoint a committee to confer, such committee shall, at a convenient hour, to be agreed on by their chairmen, meet in the conference cham-

ber, and state to each other, verbally or in writing, as either shall choose, the reasons of their respective houses for and against the amendment, and confer freely thereon.

[15 April, 1789.

MESSAGE SENT TO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

2. When a message shall be sent from the Senate to the House of Representatives, it shall be announced at the door of the House by the Doorkeeper, and shall be respectfully communicated to the Chair by the person by whom it may be sent.

MESSAGE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SENATE.

3. The same ceremony shall be observed when a message shall be sent from the House of Representatives to the Senate.

BY WHOM MESSAGES MAY BE SENT.

4. Messages shall be sent by such persons as a sense of propriety in each house may determine to be proper.

ENGROSSED BILLS.

5. While bills are on their passage between the two houses they shall be on paper, and under the signature of the Secretary or Clerk of each house, respectively.

[6 August, 1789.

ENROLLED BILLS.

6. After a bill shall have passed both houses it shall be duly enrolled on parchment by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or the Secretary of the Senate, as the bill may have originated in the one or the other house, before it shall be presented to the President of the United States.

[6 August, 1789.

EXAMINATION OF ENROLLED BILLS.

7. When bills are enrolled they shall be examined by a joint committee of two from the Senate and two from the House of Representatives, appointed as a standing committee for that purpose, who shall carefully compare the enrollment with the engrossed bills, as passed in the two houses, and correcting any errors that may be discovered in the enrolled bills, make their report forthwith to their respective houses.

[6 August, 1789—1 Feb., 1827.

SIGNING OF ENROLLED BILLS.

8. After examination and report, each bill shall be signed in the respective houses, first by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, then by the President of the Senate.

[6 August, 1789.

PRESENTATION OF ENROLLED BILLS TO THE PRESIDENT.

9. After a bill shall have been thus signed in each house, it shall be presented by the said committee to the President of the United States for his approbation (it being first indorsed on the back of the roll, cer-

tifying in which house the same originated, which indorsement shall be signed by the Secretary or Clerk, as the case may be, of the house in which the same did originate), and shall be entered on the journal of each house. The said committee shall report the day of presentation to the President; which time shall also be carefully entered on the journal of each house.

[6 August, 1789.

SAME PROCEEDINGS AS ABOVE ON ORDERS, RESOLUTIONS, AND VOTES, AS ON BILLS.

10. All orders, resolutions, and votes, which are to be presented to the President of the United States for his approbation, shall also, in the same manner, be previously enrolled, examined, and signed; and shall be presented in the same manner, and by the same committee, as provided in the cases of bills.

[6 August, 1789.

JOINT ADDRESS TO THE PRESIDENT.

11. When the Senate and House of Representatives shall judge it proper to make a joint address to the President, it shall be presented to him in his audience chamber by the President of the Senate, in the presence of the Speaker and both Houses.

[6 August, 1789.

NOTICE OF REJECTED BILL.

12. When a bill or resolution which shall have passed in one house is rejected in the other, notice thereof shall be given to the house in which the same shall have passed.

[10 August, 1790.

REJECTED BILL NOT RENEWED WITHOUT TEN DAYS' NOTICE.

13. When a bill or resolution which has been passed in one house shall be rejected in the other, it shall not be brought in during the same session without a notice of ten days and leave of two-thirds of that house in which it shall be renewed.

[10 June, 1790.

PAPERS TO BE SENT WITH BILLS.

14. Each house shall transmit to the other all papers on which any bill or resolution shall be founded.

[10 June, 1790.

ADHERENCE BY EACH HOUSE DESTROYS BILL.

15. After each house shall have adhered to their disagreement, a bill or resolution shall be lost.

[10 June, 1790.

BILL NOT TO BE SENT TO OTHER HOUSE ON THREE LAST DAYS OF SESSION.

16. No bill that shall have passed one house shall be sent for concurrence to the other on either of the last three days of the session.

BILL NOT TO BE SENT TO THE PRESIDENT ON LAST DAY OF SESSION.

17. No bill or resolution that shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate shall be presented to the President of the United States for his approbation on the last day of the session.

PRINTING OF BILLS BY THE OTHER HOUSE.

18. When bills which have passed one house are ordered to be printed in the other, a greater number of copies shall not be printed than may be necessary for the use of the house making the order.

[9 Feb., 1829.

SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS FORBIDDEN.

19. No spirituous or malt liquors or wines shall be offered for sale, exhibited, or kept within the Capitol, or in any room or building connected therewith, or on the public grounds adjacent thereto. And it shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the two houses, under the supervision of the presiding officers thereof, respectively, to enforce the foregoing provisions. And any officer or employé of either house who shall in any manner violate, or connive at the violation of, this rule shall be dismissed from office.

[18 Sept., 1837—H. R., 26 Feb., 1844—S., 30 May 1844.

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE LIBRARY.

20. There shall be a Joint Committee on the Library, to consist of three members on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House of Representatives, to superintend and direct the expenditure of all moneys appropriated for the Library, and to perform such other duties as are or may be directed by law.

[S., 6 Dec., 1843—H. R., 7 Dec., 1843.

CONTINUANCE OF BUSINESS AT SUBSEQUENT SESSION.

21. After six days from the commencement of a second or subsequent session of Congress, all bills, resolutions, or reports, which originated in either house, and at the close of the next preceding session remained undetermined in either house, shall be resumed and acted on in the same manner as if an adjournment had not taken place.

[14 August, 1848.

FORBIDDING GENERAL LEGISLATION ON APPROPRIATION BILLS.

22. A general appropriation bill shall not contain any provision of general legislation other than such as appropriates money for purposes already designated by law; but this rule shall not be so construed as to prevent appropriations in bills providing for improvements of rivers and harbors for new river and harbor improvements.

Mr. Oglesby, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1201) for the relief of Drury Bynum, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 401) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in the Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Oglesby, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 613) subjecting the Fort Wayne Military reservation, in the State of Arkansas, to entry as other public lands in said

State, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 402) thereon.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 4874) for the relief of the sureties of John McNellis, and that it be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4420) for the relief of Horace E. Mullen, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 403) thereon.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1918) for the relief of Milton B. Cushing, paymaster United States Navy, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 405) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 230) to authorize and enable the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians to institute and prosecute a suit in the Court of Claims against the Cherokee Nation, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 406) thereon.

Mr. Hereford, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 235) for the relief of Joseph Kinney, administrator of David Ballentine, of Missouri, reported it without amendment, and with the recommendation embodied in the report (No. 77) made to the Senate February 6, 1877.

Mr. Hoar asked and obtained leave to submit the views of the minority of the Committee on Claims on the foregoing bill; which were ordered to be printed to acccompany the report (No. 77.)

Mr. Grover, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 885) to amend the act, approved September 27, 1850, creating the office of surveyor-general of Oregon, providing for the survey and making donations to settlers of the public lands in Oregon, and also the act amendatory thereof, approved February 14, A. D. 1853, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 1132) for the relief of Lieutenant-Commander James H. Sands, United States Navy, reported it with an amendment.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Hamlin: A bill (S. 1291) granting a pension to Archibald Nelson and John Nelson, minor children of John Nelson, deceased; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Allison: A bill (S. 1292) for the relief of Elias D. Bruner; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 1293) granting a pension to Sallie A. Palmer; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 1294) authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Wabash River; to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of West Virginia,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 17th instant, authorizing the Select Committee to investigate the finance reports, books, and accounts of the Treasury Department, to sit during the recess of the Senate; and,

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Allison,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the resolution be postponed to to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Allison,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 796) for the relief of John Henderson; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Paddock,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3373) for the relief of settlers on the public lands under the pre-emption laws; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to some and disagreed to other amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H R. 3969) regulating the appointment of justices of the peace, commissioners of deeds, and constables within and for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes. It asks a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Hunton, Mr. Blackburn, and Mr. Hendee managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 2915. An act to perfect the title to certain real estate in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 3708. An act to regulate the practice of pharmacy in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 4616. An act to incorporate the National Fair Grounds Association.

H. R. 4713. An act supplementary to the act of March 3, 1873, entitled "An act supplemental to the act of February 9, 1821," incorporating Columbia College, District of Columbia.

H. R. 4943. An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to make and enforce regulations relative to the sale of coal, and also building regulations.

H. R. 4944. An act amendatory of the act to incorporate the Capitol, North O Street and South Washington Railway Company.

H. R. 4945. An act for the preservation of game and protection of birds in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 4946. An act to amend chapters fifteen and twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the District of Columbia, and to consolidate into one the offices of recorder of deeds and register of wills in said District.

H. R. 4947. An act providing for the holding of additional terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States in the southern district of Illinois, and for other purposes.

H. R. 182. Joint resolution for the benefit of the penny-lunch house of the city of Washington, District of Columbia.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two en-

rolled bills (H. R. 314 and H. R. 3546), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the joint resolution (S. 23) providing for the distribution and sale of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 314. An act to confirm the term of the period of seventeen years from the date of its original grant of the patent of Thomas A. Weston.

H. R. 3546. An act to change the name of the steamboat D. A. McDonald to Silver Wave.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the following bills of the Senate:

S. 933. An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund certain taxes erroneously collected, and for other purposes.

S. 1021. An act for the relief of certain settlers on the public lands.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 942) amendatory of and supplementary to the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Texas Pacific Railroad Company, and to aid in the construction of its road, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1871, and the several acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 3259) providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia; and

The first section of the reported amendment having been agreed to, and

The second section of the amendment reported by the Committee on the District of Columbia having been amended on the motion of Mr. Bayard and the motion of Mr. Edmunds, and

A further amendment to the said section having been proposed by Mr. Bayard,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Hoar, at 4 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 1878.

The bills and joint resolution yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 2915, H. R. 3708, H. R. 4616, H. R. 4713,

H. R. 4943, H. R. 4944, H. R. 4945, and H. R. 4946, and the joint resolution H. R. 182, be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia; and that the bill H. R. 4947 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The President *pro tempore* signed the two enrolled bills (H. R. 314, and H. R. 3546) yesterday reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the bill of the House (H. R. 3969) regulating the appointment of justices of the peace, commissioners of deeds, and constables, within and for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and,

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agree to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Ingalls, and Mr. Harris.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, transmitting the petition of Lewis Leffman, ordnance sergeant United States Army, praying his retirement with the full pay of his grade; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of April 29, 1878, a statement of all the appropriations and expenditures from the National Treasury for public and private purposes in the District of Columbia, from July 16, 1790, to June 30, 1876; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Coke presented three memorials of citizens of Texas, praying an appropriation for the improvement of the Aransas River in that State; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Eustis presented the petition of Mrs. C. M. Pritchard, praying compensation for the use, occupancy, and damage of her property by United States troops during the years 1863, 1864, and 1865; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Memorials, remonstrating against the passage of a law refunding to Miller and Richard the amount of a certain fine imposed upon them as a penalty for undervaluing a lot of goods through the custom-house at San Francisco, California, were presented as follows:

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A memorial of citizens of Wisconsin.

By Mr. Mathews: A memorial of J. H. Thorp and Company.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented a memorial of the Common Council of La Crosse, Wisconsin, praying an appropriation for the erection of certain public buildings in that city for the use of the government; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Hoar presented a memorial of Causten Browne, praying an amend-

ment to the bill (S. 300) to amend the statutes in relation to patents; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented four petitions of citizens of Illinois, praying an amendment to the Constitution prohibiting the several States from disfranchising citizens of the United States on account of sex.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented the petition of Margaret E. Hamilton and John N. Babcock, of Chicago, Illinois, praying the repeal of the charter of the National Capitol Insurance Company of Washington, District of Columbia.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Conkling presented the petition of Edgar Huson, of Ithaca, New York, praying an extension of his patent for improved gearing for wagons; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Kernan presented the petition of Mrs. Hager, praying to be allowed arrears of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

Ordered, That the papers in relation to the application of Burr S. Croft for the passage of a law authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to him the sum of $5,000, being the amount of coin certificate No. 25378, dated November 14, 1866, and alleged to have been stolen from him, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Randolph presented papers in relation to the application of Rebecca S. Smith to be allowed a pension; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

Ordered, That Daniel L. Duffy have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of the Senate, upon leaving copies of the same with the Secretary.

On motion by Mr. Mitchell,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of D. B. Randall, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Burnside,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Marie Barton Greene, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Saulsbury, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 980) for the relief of Charles Collins, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 811) for the relief of Henry L. James, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Windom, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4104) making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Blaine, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill (S. 1305) for the relief of Greenleaf Cilley; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Hoar: A bill (S. 1295) for the relief of the heirs of Benjamin F. Rice; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Johnston: A bill (S. 1296) to authorize the West Point Commercial Company of Virginia to do business in foreign countries; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Johnston: A bill (S. 1297) for the protection of dairymen and to prevent deception in sales of butter and cheese in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Beck: A bill (S. 1298) for the relief of the heirs of George W. McDannald; to the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Conkling: A bill (S. 1299) for the relief of Edgar Huson; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Kernan: A bill (S. 1300) for the relief of Marietta Mattison; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Randolph: A bill (S. 1301) granting a pension to Mrs. Rebecca S. Smith; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Hereford: A bill (S. 1302) to authorize the payment of a debt of the Osage Nation of Indians; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Christiancy: A bill (S. 1303) to amend section 184 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Paddock: A bill (S. 1304) for the relief of Robert C. Walker, late paymaster United States Army; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of West Virginia,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution authorizing the Select Committee to Investigate the Finance Reports, Books, and Accounts of the Treasury Department to sit during the recess of Congress; and,

The amendment proposed by Mr. Allison having been agreed to, the resolution, as amended, was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the Select Committee to Investigate the Finance Reports, Books, and Accounts of the Treasury Department, appointed under resolution of the Senate of November 19, 1877, in addition to the powers conferred by said resolution, have leave to continue its investigation during the vacation or recess of the Senate.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 20. An act authorizing the citizens of Colorado, Nevada, and the Territories to fell and remove timber on the public domain for mining and domestic purposes.

S. 926. An act for the sale of timber-lands in the States of California, Oregon, and Nevada, and in Washington Territory.

S. 930. An act granting a pension to Mary B. Marsh.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1241) to provide for the service of process in cases of interpleader in the courts of the United States; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Davis, of Illinois, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Plumb,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1060) directing the Secretary of War to erect headstones over the graves of soldiers interred in the cemetery at Mound City, Illinois;

and the amendment reported by the Committee on Military Affairs having been amended on the motion of Mr. Hoar, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act authorizing the Secretary of War to erect headstones over the graves of Union soldiers who have been interred in private, village, or city cemeteries."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Ingalls that the Senate reconsider its vote postponing indefinitely the bill (S. 561) granting a pension to William H. Nims,

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Pensions.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insists upon its amendment to the bill of the Senate (S. 396) to amend section twenty-four hundred and sixty-four of the Revised Statutes, relating to the cultivation of timber on the public domain. It agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Wigginton, Mr. T. M. Patterson, and Mr. Welch managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 3658) to change the time of holding the regular terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the western district of Michigan, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

I am directed to return to the Senate, in compliance with its request, the bill (H. R. 4245) authorizing the President of the United States to appoint James Shields, of Missouri, a brigadier-general in the United States Army, on the retired-list.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 4549) making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills (S. 933 and S. 1021), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Paddock reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 933. An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund a certain tax erroneously collected.

S. 1021. An act for the relief of certain settlers on the public lands.

The President *pro tempore* signed the two enrolled bills (S. 933 and S. 1021) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Dawes, Mr. Ingalls, and Mr. Eustis managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the joint resolution (H. R. 152) to enable the joint commission to carry into effect the act of Congress providing for the completion of the Washington Monument.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 3658) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 3259) providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Bayard to the second section of the reported amendment,

After debate,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The second section of the reported amendment, having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Edmunds and the motion of Mr. Ingalls, was then agreed to.

The third section of the amendment, having been amended on the motion of Mr. Ingalls and the motion of Mr. Edmunds,

On motion by Mr. Bayard to further amend the amendment by striking out, in line 92, page 7, the words "two dollars," and in lieu thereof inserting *one dollar and fifty cents*, and, in line 93, by striking out the words "and personal,"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 25 / Nays 22

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bayard, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Conkling, Dennis, Edmunds, Eustis, Ferry, Grover, Hamlin, Hill, Hoar, Howe, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, Mitchell, Patterson, Sargent, Saulsbury, Teller.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Barnum, Booth, Bruce, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Dorsey, Eaton, Harris, Hereford, Ingalls, McCreery, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Saunders, Spencer, Withers.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Allison that the Senate reconsider its vote agreeing to the foregoing amendment,

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

The question recurring on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Bayard to the third section of the reported amendment,

After debate,

Mr. Bayard withdrew the proposed amendment.

On motion by Mr. Bayard to amend the third section of the reported amendment by striking out the proviso on page 7, in the following words:

"*Provided*, That the rate of taxation in any one year shall not exceed two dollars on every one hundred dollars of real and personal estate not exempt by law, according to the cash valuation thereof,"

And in lieu thereof inserting:

Provided, That the rate of taxation in any one year shall not exceed one dollar and fifty cents on every one hundred dollars of real estate not exempt by law, and on personal property of residents one dollar on every one hundred dollars, according to the cash valuation thereof.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds, to amend the part proposed to be stricken

out by striking out "two dollars" and in lieu thereof inserting *one dollar and fifty cents*,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 29 / Nays 21

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Bayard, Blaine, Burnside, Butler, Coke, Conkling, Edmunds, Eustis, Ferry, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kernan Kirkwood, Lamar, Mitchell, Morgan, Morrill, Patterson, Randolph, Sargent, Saulsbury, Teller.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Booth, Cockrell, Davis of Illinois, Dorsey, Eaton, Harris, Hereford, Ingalls, McCreery, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Saunders, Spencer, Wadleigh, Withers.

So the amendment was agreed.

On motion by Mr. Sargent to amend the part proposed to be inserted by inserting after the word "dollars," where it last occurs, the words *and fifty cents*,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Ingalls to amend the part proposed to be inserted by striking out the word "residents" and in lieu thereof inserting the words *not taxable elsewhere*,

It was determined in the affirmative; and

The amendment proposed by Mr. Bayard, as amended, was agreed to.

The third section of the reported amendment having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Saulsbury, and

A further amendment having been proposed by Mr. Bayard, viz: In line 98, page 7, strike out the words "and fifty cents,"

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent, at 5 o'clock and 40 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1878.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented several memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any change in the present tariff laws; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a resolution of the legislature of Pennsylvania, in favor of the passage of a law granting aid to citizens willing to emigrate and settle upon the public lands in the West; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented the petition of Mrs. L. E. McCauley, widow of Commodore Charles S. McCauley, United States Navy, praying to be allowed an increase of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented two petitions of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the passage of a law granting aid in the construction and completion of the Texas Pacific Railroad; which were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Beck presented a petition of citizens of Bath County, Kentucky, in behalf of George Oakley and Jacob Ginter, praying that they be allowed pensions; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Dorsey presented a resolution of the Franklin Council No. 9 of the District of Columbia, Sovereigns of Industry, in favor of the passage of a bill for the appointment of a coal-weigher for said District, and requiring all coal-dealers to send the certificate of such weigher with each load of coal sold; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a resolution of the legislature of Pennsylvania, in favor of granting aid in the construction of the Texas Pacific Railroad, and also aid to persons to emigrate and settle upon the Public Lands; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, presented a memorial of the American Iron and Steel Association, praying an appropriation for continuing the investigations by the board appointed to test iron, steel, and other metals; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Whyte presented a memorial of citizens of Baltimore, Maryland, remonstrating against any subsidy being granted to the proposed line of steamers between the United States and Brazil.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Coke presented a petition of citizens of Texas, praying the establishment of a post-route from Waco to Comanche, in that State; which, together with an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (H. R. 4286) was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Maxey presented a petition of citizens of Texas, praying the establishment of a post-route from Brownwood to Eastland City, in that State; which, together with an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill (H. R. 4286) was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Thurman presented a petition of citizens of the United States, praying an amendment to the Constitution, so that the right to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States on account of the place of nativity of any citizen thereof; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois,

Ordered, That the several petitions presented by him yesterday on the same subject be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, recommending an additional appropriation for the purchase of the site of Ringgold Barracks, in the State of Texas; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Acting Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting copy of a letter from Commander George Dewey, United States Navy, naval secretary of the Light-House Board, recommending an amendment to the bill (H. R. 2486) for extending the operations of the Light-House Board over the Illinois River, and for other purposes, so as to compel all parties owning or operating bridges over the Mississippi River or its tributaries to maintain at their own expense such lights as may be necessary for the security of navigation; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Maxey presented a memorial of the Corpus Christi, San Diego and Rio Grande Railway Company, praying aid in the construction of their line of railway; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

On motion by Mr. McCreery,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of Ben Alsop, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Perry E. Brochus, administrator of the estate of Augustin Maurin, deceased, submitted a report (No. 407) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1306) for the relief of the estate of Augustin Maurin, deceased; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of William J. Marshall, executor of John G. Holloway, deceased, relating to the purchase by the United States of the Camp Chase, Ohio, burial lot, submitted a report (No. 408) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1307) directing the Secretary of War to purchase a lot of ground situated near the city of Columbus, Ohio, now used by the United States as a cemetery; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Edmunds, from the select committee to take into consideration the state of the law respecting the ascertaining and declaration of the result of the elections of President and Vice-President of the United States, reported a bill (S. 1308) to amend sundry provisions of chapter 1, title 3, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to Presidential elections, and to provide for and regulate the counting of votes for President and Vice-President, and the decision of questions arising thereon; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4376) granting a pension to James G. Williams, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 409) thereon.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4373) granting a pension to Mary J. Lebow, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 411) thereon.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3817) granting a pension to Annie Farley, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 412) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1308) for the relief of Daniel Small, a soldier of the war of 1812, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 410) thereon.

Mr. Thurman, from the Committee on Private Land-Claims, to whom was referred the letter of the Secretary of War transmitting memorial of Anna M. Clark, praying confirmation of a certain private land-claim in Florida, submitted a report (No. 413) thereon, accompanied by a joint resolution (S. 31) approving the adverse decision of the Commissioner of the General Land Office in the claim of Anna M. Clark; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Kellogg, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Isabella H. Silvey, praying for an increase of pension, submitted a report (No. 414) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1309) granting an increase of pension to Isabella H. Silvey; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Kellogg, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred

the petition of Edmund R. Batchelder, praying for a pension, submitted a report (No. 415) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1310) granting a pension to Edmund R. Batchelder; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Education and Labor, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 176) to provide for the enforcement of the eight-hour law, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 417) thereon.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Education and Labor, to whom was referred the bill (S. 941) to regulate the hours of labor, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 418) thereon.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Education and Labor, reported a bill (S. 1311) to establish an educational fund and apply a portion of the proceeds of the public lands to public education, and to provide for the more complete endowment and support of national colleges for the advancement of scientific and industrial education; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Education and Labor, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1062) to introduce moral and social science into the public schools of the District of Columbia, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1551) for the relief of Mrs. Emma A. Porch, of Centretown, Missouri, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 416) thereon.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 816) to alter and appoint the times for holding the circuit court of the United States for the fourth judicial circuit, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Grover, from the Committee on Private Land-Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2401) to authorize the claimants to certain lands in Santa Barbara County, California, to submit their claim to the United States district court for that State for adjudication, reported it with an amendment.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Merrimon: A bill (S. 1312) relating to the election of Representatives to the Forty-sixth Congress in the State of North Carolina, and the election of a Senator in the State of New Hampshire; to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

By Mr. Jones, of Florida: A bill (S. 1313) granting a pension to James Burke; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Kellogg: A bill (S. 1314) for the relief of Charles Clinton, late assistant treasurer of the United States at New Orleans, Louisiana; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Kellogg: A bill (S. 1315) to restore to the pension-rolls the names of certain soldiers of the Mexican war; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Maxey: A bill (S. 1316) to aid in the construction of the Corpus Christi, San Diego and Rio Grande Railroad; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Matthews: A bill (S. 1317) to invest the Court of Claims with jurisdiction to hear all titles and claims of titles in the unpatented lands in the southwest fractional quarter of section 10, township 39 north, range 14 east of the third principal meridian, in the city of Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, and to invest the proper

claimant or claimants of said lands with the legal title thereof by the decree of said court; to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

Mr. Allison submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to furnish the Senate with a copy of the memorial of B. F. Overton, governor of the Chickasaw Nation, praying for a rehearing in the matter of the Chickasaw permit law, and not embraced in the Senate Executive Document No. 74, in response to resolution of the 17th ultimo.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 1951) for the relief of John T. Sutherlin and Brother, of Parke County, Indiana; and

It has passed, without amendment, the bill of the Senate (S. 312) for the relief of Robert Coles.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 3079. An act to provide means for giving official notice of the acts of the government, and to provide for the advertisements required by the several departments of the government.

H. R. 4105. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to increase pensions in certain cases," approved June 18, 1874.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills (H. R. 3373 and H. R. 4549), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 3373. An act for the relief of settlers on the public lands under the pre-emption laws.

H. R. 4549. An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bills were reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in:

S. 72. A bill for the relief of the heirs of William A. Graham.

S. 498. A bill to provide for the appointment of an additional circuit judge in the second judicial circuit.

Ordered, That the bills be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 4413) to provide for the free entry of articles imported for exhibition by societies established for encouragement of the arts and sciences, and for other purposes; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Finance having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of epresentatives in the amendments.

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had ex-ired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjourn-ent yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 3259) providing a permanent form government for the District of Columbia; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration the said bill; and

The question being on the amendment yesterday proposed by Mr. ayard to the third section of the amendment reported by the Commit-e on the District of Columbia,

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Kirkwood to amend the third section of the reported nendment by inserting before the word "property," in line 106, page the word *real*,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 25 / Nays 21

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bayard, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Davis of Illi-ois, Davis of West Virginia, Dorsey, Hereford, Hoar, Ingalls, Kernan, irkwood, Lamar, McDonald, Matthews, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, lumb, Ransom, Saunders, Teller, Voorhees, Whyte, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Beck, Cockrell, Coke, Conkling, aton, Grover, Hamlin, Harris, Howe, Jones of Florida, McCreery, axey, Merrimon, Morgan, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Withers.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin to amend the third section of the reported nendment by inserting after the word "dollars," in line 110, page 8, e words,

And a poll-tax of one dollar shall be annually assessed upon and col-ted of every male inhabitant of the District who shall be twenty-one years age or upwards, and who shall not have received support in any manner om the authorities of the District of Columbia for the preceding year, the id tax to be levied and collected as other taxes,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 25 / Nays 22

On motion by Mr. Butler,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Bayard, Beck, Burnside, Cockrell, Coke, ustis, Grover, Hamlin, Hereford, Hill, Hoar, McCreery, McDonald, organ, Morrill, Randolph, Ransom, Rollins, Saulsbury, Voorhees, adleigh, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bailey, Barnum, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron Wisconsin, Davis of Illinois, Dorsey, Eaton, Howe, Ingalls, Jones of orida, Kernan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Oglesby, Paddock, Sar-nt, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Whyte.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The third section of the reported amendment having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Saulsbury, was then agreed to.

The fourth section of the reported amendment having been amended on the motion of Mr. Howe, was agreed to.

The fifth section of the reported amendment having been amended on the motion of Mr. Kernan, the motion of Mr. Whyte and the motion of Mr. Bayard,

On motion of Mr. Burnside to further amend the section by striking out in line 19, page 10, the word "three," and in lieu thereof inserting *two*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 16 / Nays 26

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bayard, Beck, Butler, Cockrell, Coke, Eustis, Hill, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Morgan, Patterson, Randolph, Saulsbury.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Barnum, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dorsey, Eaton, Ferry, Hamlin, Harris, Howe, Ingalls, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Whyte, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Bayard to further amend the fifth section of the reported amendment by striking out in line 6, page 10, the word "five," and in lieu thereof inserting *one*,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Conkling, at 5 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1878.

The bills (H. R. 3079 and H. R. 4105) yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 3079 be referred to the Committee on Printing, and that the bill H. R. 4105 be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The President *pro tempore* signed the two enrolled bills (H. R. 3373 and the bill H. R. 4549) yesterday reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Morrill presented the petition of J. Ormond Wilson, superintendent of the public schools of Washington, District of Columbia, praying the donation of certain lots of ground in said city to the District government as a site for a public-school building; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. McMillan presented a memorial of the Saint Paul Type Foundry, remonstrating against the passage of a bill refunding to Miller and Richard the amount of a fine imposed upon them as a penalty for under-

aluing a lot of goods through the custom-house at San Francisco, Cal-ornia; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Jones, of Florida, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, whom was referred the bill (S. 813) for the relief of the administratrix Joseph Wheaton, deceased, reported it without amendment, and sub-itted a report (No. 433) thereon.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred e bill (H. R. 1627) granting a pension to Jacob M. Groce, late a sergeant Company D, Sixth Regiment Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, reported without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 419) ereon.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred e bill (H. R. 3059) granting a pension to Jacob F. Ruth, late a private in ompany I, Fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery Volunteers, ported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 0) thereon.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred e bill (H. R. 734) granting a pension to Syvert A. Anderson, reported without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 421) ereon.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred e bill (H. R. 4383) granting a pension to Stephen L. George, reported without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 422) ereon.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred e bill (H. R. 4424) granting a pension to Derrick F. Hamlink, re-rted it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 3) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said lls (H. R. 1627, H. R. 3059, H. R. 734, H. R. 4383, H. R. 4424) as in mmittee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were re-rted to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred e bill (H. R. 4361) granting a pension to Elizabeth Winters, reported without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 424) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred e bill (H. R. 134) for the relief of Jacob G. Croman, of Dickinson, mberland County, Pennsylvania, reported it without amendment, and bmitted a report (No. 425) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred e bill (H. R. 3103) for the relief of Oliver Yake, of Sanilac County, chigan, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 5) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred e bill (H. R. 4384) granting a pension to Daniel Donnelly, reported it thout amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 428) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred e bill (H. R. 735) granting a pension to James H. Thew, reported it thout amendment, and submitted and adverse report (No. 429) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred e bill (H. R. 4389) granting an increase of pension to Jerry Robinson, e commissary-sergeant First Regiment United States Colored Troops, orted it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 0) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred

the bill (H. R. 3440) granting a pension to George Fritz, First Regiment United States Dragoons, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 427) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills (H. R. 735, H. R. 4389, H. R. 3440) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4362) granting a pension to Cynthia A. Mizelle, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 431) thereon.

Mr. Wadleigh, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 793) for the relief of Edwin R. Clarke, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 432) thereon.

Mr. Oglesby, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3369) to provide for the publication of notices of contest under the homestead, pre-emption, and tree-culture laws of the United States, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 173) granting the use of tents at the soldiers' reunion to be held at Des Moines, Iowa, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said joint resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Beck, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 178) to pay the laborers known as the cloak-room men, and to place them on the Doorkeeper's roll, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Appropriations having been agreed to, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the resolution read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in said amendment.

Mr. Oglesby obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 1318) granting a pension to Mary E. Lowe; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Christiancy obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 1319) to amend section 2 of an act to determine the jurisdiction of circuit courts of the United States, and to regulate the removal of causes from State courts,

and for other purposes, approved March 3, 1875, and making further provision in reference to the removal of causes from State courts to the circuit court of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sargent submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary is instructed to inquire into the expediency of limiting the jurisdiction of the courts of the United States in any practicable direction, so as to diminish the pressure of business thereon.

Mr. Hamlin submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved (*the House of Representatives concurring*), That there be printed two thousand extra copies of the message of the President transmitting a communication from the Secretary of State in reference to the deliberations of the Fisheries Commission, with accompanying documents, and that five hundred copies of the same shall be for the use of the State Department.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported by Mr. Howe from the Committee on Foreign Relations, relative to the existing treaty between the United States and the Empire of China; and

The resolution was agreed to as follows:

Resolved by the Senate (*the House of Representatives concurring*), That the provisions of the existing treaty between the Empire of China and the United States, allowing the unrestricted immigration to this country from China, might wisely be modified so as to subserve the best interests of both governments; and the attention of the Executive is respectfully invited to the subject.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Hamlin, providing for printing extra copies of the message of the President relative to the deliberations of the Fisheries Commission, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the resolution, as amended, was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That there be printed two thousand extra copies of the message of the President transmitting a communication from the Secretary of State in reference to the deliberations of the Fishery Commission, with accompanying documents, and that five hundred copies of the same shall be for the use of the State Department, five hundred for the use of the Senate, and one thousand for the use of the House of Representatives.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin,

Ordered, That seventy-five copies of the testimony taken before the Select Committee on Transportation-Routes to the Seaboard relative to the bill of Captain Eads be printed for the use of the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives insists upon its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution of the House (H. R. 152) to enable the joint commission to carry into effect the act of Congress providing for the completion of the Washington Monument. It agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Foster, Mr. Clymer, and Mr. Goode managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the following bills of the Senate:

S. 363. An act granting a pension to James Newcomb.

S. 874. An act granting a pension to Alfred Richardson, late of Company A, Twelfth Indiana Volunteers; and

It has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 1164. An act for the relief of Peter G. Mills, his heirs and assigns.

H. R. 3625. An act relating to soldiers while in the civil service of the United States.

H. R. 3879. An act for the relief of certain pensioners.

H. R. 4969. An act to repeal section forty-seven hundred and seventeen of the Revised Statutes.

H. R. 4974. An act to amend section forty-seven hundred and two of the Revised Statutes.

H. R. 4976. An act to increase the pension of certain pensioned soldiers and sailors who have lost both their hands or both their feet, or the sight of both eyes in the service of the country.

H. R. 4981. An act relating to claim-agents and attorneys in pension cases.

H. R. 4988. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to constitute superintendents of mints or assayers in assay-offices, assistant treasurers of the United States.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills (S. 312 and H. R. 1951), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Paddock reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 312. An act for the relief of Robert Coles.

H. R. 1951. An act for the relief of John F. Sutherlin and Brother, of Parke County, Indiana.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, they were reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in:

S. 380. A bill to provide for circuit and district courts of the United States at Toledo, Ohio.

S. 1272. A bill to amend section forty-one hundred and twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States, in relation to the judicial powers and functions of consuls.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 986) for the relief of William S. Morris, William S. Mann, George W. Hillman, The Union Transfer Company, all of Philadelphia; The Union Transfer Company, of Baltimore, Maryland, and John R. Graham, late of Philadelphia, now of Washington, District of Columbia; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Withers, was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 39 / Nays..... 10

On motion by Mr. Beck,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Coke, Conover, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Ferry, Grover, Hamlin, Hereford, Hill, Ingalls, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Morrill, Oglesby, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Spencer, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Harris, Howe, Kirkwood, McMillan, Mitchell, Saunders, Teller, Windom.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution of the House of Representatives to bind five hundred copies of the Geological and Geographical Atlas of Colorado and portions of adjacent territory, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution; and

It was agreed to as follows:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (*the Senate concurring*), That there be bound five hundred copies of the Geological and Geographical Atlas of Colorado and portions of the adjacent territory, under the Hayden survey; one copy for distribution to each Senator and member of the House of Representatives and Delegate from the Territories, the balance for distribution by the office of the survey; the style of binding to be determined by the joint committee of the two houses on printing.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The bills last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 1164 be referred to the Committee on Public Lands; that the bills H. R. 3625, H. R. 3879, H. R. 4974, H. R. 969, H. R. 4976, and H. R. 4981 be referred to the Committee on Pensions; and that the bill H. R. 4988 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President *pro tempore* signed the two enrolled bills (S. 312 and H. R. 1951) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment, viz, the bill (H. R. 3259) providing for a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia, and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Bayard to the fifth section of the reported amendment,

After debate,

The amendment was agreed to.

The fifth section of the reported amendment having been further

amended on the motion of Mr. Edmunds, and the motion of Mr. Ba- ard, was then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds to strike out the sixth section of the b in the following words:

"SEC. 6. That a Delegate to the House of Representatives of t United States, to serve for the term of two years, may be elected by t qualified voters of the District of Columbia, who shall have the sa- rights and privileges as are exercised and enjoyed by the Delegat-s from the Territories of the United States, and shall be *ex officio* a me-- ber of the Committee on the District of Columbia. He shall be a citizen of the United States and of the District of Columbia, and shall have the qualifications of a voter in said District. The Delegate first elected shall hold his seat only during the term of the Congress to which he shall be elected. The first election shall be held at such places and hours as shall be designated by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, at which shall be elected one person, whose term of office shall expire with the Forty-fifth Congress, and also at the same time and places a person to serve during the Forty-sixth Congress; and all subsequent elections shall be held and conducted at the time and in the manner as the elections of members of the House of Representatives of the United States are now conducted as far as authorized by laws of the United States. The person having the highest number of legal votes shall be declared by the Commissioners to be duly elected, and a certificate thereof shall be given accordingly. And the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized and required to establish not less than ten election-precincts within the District, at such places as may be most convenient to the people; and said Commissioners shall give thirty days' public notice, in two daily papers printed in the District of Columbia, of the time and places of holding such election, and shall designate three inspectors in each election-district to conduct said election and make returns thereof to said Commissioners, who shall canvass the same, and issue a certificate of election to the person having the highest number of votes. And said Commissioners shall make all needful rules and regulations for carrying into effect the provisions of this act not inconsistent therewith,"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 40 / Nays 10

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Bruce, Burnside, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Eaton, Edmunds, Eustis, Ferry, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Morrill, Paddock, Plumb, Randolph, Ransom, Saulsbury, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Dorsey, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Mitchell, Ransom, Rollins, Sargent, Spencer.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The seventh section of the reported amendment was then disagreed to.

The eighth section of the reported amendment having been amended on the motion of Mr. Sargent, and the motion of Mr. Edmunds, was agreed to, and

The ninth section was agreed to as reported.

The tenth section of the reported amendment having been amended on the motion of Mr. Sargent,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds to further amend the section by striking out, in line 4, the words "continued with," and in lieu thereof inserting *hereby is abolished, and*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 18 / Nays 25

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Beck, Burnside, Butler, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Edmunds, Eustis, Hereford, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Saulsbury, Thurman.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bailey, Blaine, Bruce, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Dorsey, Eaton, Ferry, Hamlin, Harris, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, McMillan, Morrill, Rollins, Sargent, Teller, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Windom, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

A further amendment having been proposed by Mr. Sargent,

On motion by Mr. Voorhees, at 5 o'clock and 4 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, MAY 27, 1878.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States has informed the House of Representatives that on the 22d instant he approved and signed the following act and joint resolution:

H. R. 3121. An act for the relief of Numis H. Coverdale.

H. R. 151. Joint resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund to the Society of the Sons of St. George, established at Philadelphia, the sum of $1,440.25 in gold, being the amount paid by said society upon a colossal statue of St. George and the Dragon.

And that on the 25th instant he approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 8. An act for the relief of Othniel P. Hollis, of the Soldiers' Home, Augusta, Maine.

H. R. 97. An act granting a pension to William A. Miller.

H. R. 251. An act for the relief of James J. Waring, of Savannah, Georgia.

H. R. 300. An act for the relief of Dudley A. Fish, of Bucyrus, Ohio.

H. R. 388. An act for the relief of William Roylston, late private Company D, First Regiment Tennessee Light Artillery.

H. R. 439. An act granting a pension to Jonathan R. Tilman.

H. R. 490. An act granting a pension to Rose Miller, widow of Reason F. Miller, deceased, late a private in Company E, One hundred and twenty-third Illinois Infantry.

H. R. 524. An act granting a pension to Lemuel L. Lawrence, late second lieutenant Company B, in the Sixth Regiment Illinois Cavalry Volunteers.

H. R. 531. An act restoring the name of Thomas W. Brown to the pension-roll.

H. R. 532. An act granting a pension to John Frey

H. R. 941. An act granting a pension to George Grove.

H. R. 1809. An act granting a pension to William H. Shultis, late Company K, Fourteenth Regiment New York Volunteers.

H. R. 1815. An act granting a pension to Florence V. Moore.

H. R. 1949. An act granting a pension to Benjamin C. Webster.

H. R. 1975. An act to amend an act granting a pension to William Hafford, of South Yarmouth, Massachusetts, approved May 8, 1874.

H. R. 2026. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Julia S. W. Evans, widow of Henry D. Evans, late first lieutenant of Company B, Thirteenth Missouri Volunteers.

H. R. 2028. An act granting a pension to Isabella Cassidy.

H. R. 3080. An act granting a pension to Warren F. Wood.

H. R. 3098. An act granting a pension to Joseph L. Young, late a private in Company C, Eleventh Regiment Maine Volunteers.

H. R. 3105. An act granting a pension to Ruth Isabelle Naylor, widow of Captain Charles Naylor, of the Second Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Mexican war.

H. R. 3107. An act granting a pension to Louisa J. Guthrie and others.

H. R. 3113. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Emily H. Lyford.

H. R. 3114. An act providing for an increase of pension to Charles H. Day.

H. R. 3115. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth J. Totten, widow of the late Commodore Benjamin J. Totten, United States Navy.

H. R. 3123. An act extending the privileges of sections 2990 to 2997 of the Revised Statutes, inclusive, to the port of Bath, in the State of Maine.

H. R. 3568. An act granting a pension to Mary T. Thompson, widow of William Thompson, late second lieutenant Company E, Twelfth New York Volunteers.

H. R. 3569. An act granting a pension to Ovid H. Clark.

H. R. 3570. An act granting an increase of pension to John Murphy, late private Company F, Fifth Regiment United States Infantry.

H. R. 3730. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth Reese, widow of John Reese, a deceased soldier.

H. R. 3731. An act granting a pension to Rebecca T. Scott, widow of Major John H. Scott, late of the United States Army.

H. R. 3824. An act to authorize the survey of the Cattaraugus Indian reservation in the State of New York.

Mr. Thurman presented the petition of Sarah R. Robinson, praying the passage of a law granting her an allowance as compensation for services rendered the government by her father, Henry Robinson, during the war of 1812, and for property lost in the service during said war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Spencer presented papers in relation to the claim of William C. Easton, for compensation for services rendered as a clerk in the office of the Commissary-General of Subsistence, from June 1, 1823, to March 2, 1827; which were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Morrill presented a memorial of citizens of Boston, Massachusetts, remonstrating against any change in the present rates of duty on books; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of David Huestis, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Eaton presented the petition of Alexander C. Twining, praying an extension of his patent for an improvement in the manufacture of ice; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

Ordered, That the petition and papers of C. W. Brink, on the files of the Senate, be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4382) granting a pension to Jonathan Roberts, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 434) thereon.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3283) for the relief of Andrew J. Worth, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Dorsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2057) to amend the charter of the Mutual Fire-Insurance Company of the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 435) thereon.

Mr. Dorsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 182) for the benefit of the penny-lunch house of the city of Washington, District of Columbia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. McDonald, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1102) to authorize the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, respectively, to commence and prosecute suits against the United States, in the Supreme Court of the United States, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4943) to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to make and enforce regulations relative to the sale of coal, and also building regulations, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1222) to regulate the sale of coal by retail dealers in the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Rollins, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 977) to abolish the board of police commissioners of the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill (S. 1222 and S. 977) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Dorsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4713) supplementary to the act of March 3, 1873, entitled "An act supplemental to the act of February 9, 1821, incorporating Columbia College, District of Columbia," reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Morrill: A bill (S. 1320) for the erection of a fire-proof building for the National Museum; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A bill (S. 1321) to authorize the construction of a public building at La Crosse, Wisconsin; to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Spencer: A bill (S. 1322) for the relief of William C. Easton; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Johnston: A bill (S. 1323) to incorporate the Appalachian Mining Association of the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Beck: A bill (S. 1324) to repeal existing taxes on the capital and deposits of banks and bankers, and to impose taxes on their dividends in excess of eight per centum per annum; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Allison: A bill (S. 1325) to regulate and control the disposition of and accounting for certain funds named therein; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Eaton: A bill (S. 1326) to authorize the settlement of the accounts of Acting Assistant Paymaster Edward K. Winship, United States Navy; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 1327) for the relief of the widow and children of General William Gates, United States Army; to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Blaine submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested, if not in his judgment incompatible with the public interest, to communicate to the Senate copies of all correspondence, not heretofore submitted, and of all memoranda and minutes in the possession of the government relating to the selection of Mr. Maurice Delfosse as one of the commissioners, under the Treaty of Washington, on the fisheries question.

Mr. Matthews submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be, and hereby is, requested to communicate to the Senate, if to do so, in his opinion, be compatible with the public interests, any correspondence, not heretofore communicated, between this government and that of Nicaragua, relative to the claims against the latter, of John G. Kendrick and other citizens of the United States, for personal injuries on October 19, 1855, at Virginia Bay, in the territory of Nicaragua, alleged to have been inflicted by soldiers acting under the authority or by the permission of its government; and whether any, and, if any, what, steps ought to be taken by this government to effect an adjustment of said claims, with a statement of the nature and amount thereof, and the names of the persons on whose behalf they have been severally preferred.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois, that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (S. 1266) to provide for the appointment of an additional circuit judge in the seventh circuit,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 31 / Nays 14

On motion by Mr. Morgan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Blaine, Bruce, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Coke, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Grover, Hamlin, Harris, Hoar, Howe, Kellogg, Kernan, Kirkwood, McDonald, McMillan, Maxey, Mitchell, Morrill, Plumb, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Beck, Cockrell, Eaton, Hereford, Hill, McCreery, McPherson, Merrimon, Morgan, Ransom, Saulsbury, Wallace, Withers.

So the motion was agreed to; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, Shall the bill be engrossed and read a third time?

Pending debate,

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its last adjournment, viz, the bill (H. R. 3259) providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia; and

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois, that the Senate postpone the consideration of the bill H. R. 3259, for the purpose of continuing the consideration of the bill S. 1266,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 24 / Nays..... 27

On motion by Mr. Morgan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Eustis, Ferry, Hoar, Howe, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McDonald, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Saunders, Teller, Thurman.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Butler, Cockrell, Coke, Dorsey, Eaton, Grover, Hamlin, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Ingalls, Johnston, Lamar, McCreery, McPherson, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Spencer, Voorhees, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The Senate then resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 3259) providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia; and,

The question being on the amendment submitted by Mr. Sargent to the tenth section of the reported amendment,

After debate,

Mr. Sargent withdrew the proposed amendment.

On motion by Mr. Thurman to amend the reported amendment by striking out the tenth section, and in lieu thereof inserting the following words:

SEC. 8. *That in lieu of the board of health now authorized by law, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall appoint a physician as health-officer, whose duty it shall be, under the direction of the said Commissioners, to execute and enforce all laws and regulations relating to the public health and vital statistics, and to perform all such duties as may be assigned to him by said Commissioners; and the board of health now existing shall, from the date of the appointment of said health officer, be abolished.*

SEC. 9. *That there may be appointed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, on the recommendation of the health-officer, a reasonable number of sanitary inspectors for said District, not exceeding six, to hold such appointment at any one time, of whom two may be physicians, and one shall be a person skilled in matters of drainage and ventilation; and said Commissioners may remove any of the subordinates, and from time to time may prescribe the duties of each; and said inspectors shall be respectively required to make, at least once in two weeks, a report to said health officer, in*

writing, of their inspections, which shall be preserved on file; and said health-officer shall report in writing annually to said Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and so much oftener as they shall require.

SEC. 10. *That the Commissioners may appoint, on the like recommendation of the health-officer, a reasonable number of clerks; but no greater number shall be appointed, and no more persons shall be employed under said health-officer, than the public interests demand and the appropriation shall justify.*

SEC. 11. *That the salary of the health officer shall be two thousand five hundred dollars per annum; and the salary of the sanitary inspectors shall not exceed the sum of one thousand two hundred dollars per annum each; and the salary of the clerks and other assistants of the health officer shall not exceed in the aggregate the amount of seven thousand dollars, to be apportioned as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may deem best.*

On motion by Mr. Withers to amend the part proposed to be inserted by striking out in line 2, section 13, the words "two thousand five hundred," and in lieu thereof inserting *four thousand*,

It was determined in the affirmative; and

On the question to agree to the amendment as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....24 / Nays.....23

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Beck, Burnside, Butler, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Eustis, Grover, Hereford, Kernan, McCreery, McPherson, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Randolph, Ransom, Sargent, Saulsbury, Thurman, Voorhees, Whyte, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bailey, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Conkling, Dorsey, Eaton, Ferry, Hamlin, Harris, Hoar, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, McMillan, Matthews, Morrill, Plumb, Rollins, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The 11th and 12th sections of the reported amendment were then agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois, to amend the 3d section of the reported amendment by inserting after the word "Congress," in line 25, section 3, the following words:

The Commissioners shall have power to license hackmen and to make reasonable regulations to govern their conduct, to fix the rates of fare for conveying persons, to locate the places where hacks shall stand, and change them as often as the public interest shall require. Any person violating any orders lawfully made in pursuance of this power shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace in an action in the name of the Commissioners,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Morrill to amend the reported amendment by inserting the following as an additional section:

SEC. 13. *That there shall be no increase of the present amount of the total indebtedness of the District of Columbia; and any officer or person who shall knowingly increase, or aid or abet in increasing, such total indebtedness, except to the amount of the two hundred thousand dollars as authorized by this act, shall be deemed guilty of a high misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding ten years, and by fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars,*

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Thurman to amend the reported amendment by inserting the following as an additional section:

SEC. 14. *That the term "school-houses," in the act of seventeenth June, eighteen hundred and seventy, chapter thirty, was intended to embrace all collegiate establishments actually used for educational purposes and not for private gain; and that all taxes heretofore imposed upon such establishments in the District of Columbia since the date of said act are hereby remitted; and where the same, or any part thereof, have been paid, the sums so paid shall be refunded; but if any portion of any said building, house, or ground, in terms excepted, is used to secure a rent or income, or for any business purpose, such portion of the same, or a sum equal in value to such portion, shall be taxed.*

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....29 / Nays.....23

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Eustis, Hereford, Hoar, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, McDonald, McPherson, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Randolph, Saulsbury, Spencer, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Blaine, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Christiancy, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Ferry, Harris, Ingalls, Kirkwood, McCreery McMillan, Matthews, Morrill, Oglesby, Patterson, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Merrimon to amend the reported amendment by inserting the following as an additional section:

SEC. —. *All citizens of the United States who now or may hereafter reside permanently in the District of Columbia, and have no other place of fixed abode, and none others, shall be deemed citizens thereof,*

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Merrimon to amend the reported amendment by inserting at the end of section 14 the following:

Only the children of citizens of the District of Columbia shall be entitled to attend the public schools of the same free of charge; but persons within the age prescribed for pupils attending such schools may attend the same, first paying reasonable tuition fees, to be fixed by the trustees of the public schools,

It was determined in the negative.

The reported amendment as amended was then agreed to, and the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Ferry that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 4663) to forbid the further retirement of United States legal-tender notes,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 28 / Nays..... 26

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators prese

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvan Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Ferry, Grover, Harris, Hereford, H Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, McCreery, McDonald, Max Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, W lace, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bayard, Blaine, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Dorsey, Eaton, Hoar, Howe, Kernan, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Wadleigh, Whyte, Windom.

So the motion was agreed to; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Sargent, at 5 o'clock and 15 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of May 13, 1878, information in relation to the cost of the proposed improvements in the harbor at Norfolk, Virginia; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce and ordered to be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of May 24, 1878, the memorial of B. F. Overton, governor of the Chickasaw Nation, for a rehearing in the matter of the Chickasaw Nation permit law.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of April 16, 1878, copies of the record of proceedings of the Naval Examining Board in the case of Captain Somerville Nicholson, United States Navy, for promotion; which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of the Centennial Board of Finance, praying that the expenses of the commission appointed by the Government of the United States may be paid by it; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of the Board of Trade of Philadelphia, praying an appropriation for the survey of the Delaware River below League Island; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of Bakewell and Company, remonstrating against the passage of a law refunding to Miller and Richard the amount of a fine imposed upon them as a penalty for undervaluing a lot of goods through the custom-house at San Francisco, California; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Oglesby presented a memorial of the Board of Trade of Chicago, Illinois, in favor of the passage of a law increasing the United States Army to full one hundred regiments of one thousand men each, for pro-

section against foreign or domestic demonstrations of violence; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Wallace presented two memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any change in the present tariff laws; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. McPherson presented a memorial of P. Lorillard and Company, of Jersey City, New Jersey, remonstrating against any change of the tax on manufactured tobacco, during the present session of Congress; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Allison presented three memorials of citizens of Iowa, remonstrating against the abolition of the local board of inspectors located at Galena, Illinois, and praying the removal of the same to Dubuque, Iowa; which were referred to the Committee on Commerce.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (S. 396) to amend section 2464 of the Revised Statutes relating to the cultivation of timber on the public domain.

The House of Representatives has disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 3259) providing a permament form of government for the District of Columbia.

On motion by Mr. Maxey,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the letter of the Secretary of War, recommending an amendment of the Revised Statutes, relative to attorneys' fees in claims for bounty, &c., and that it be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 551) to repeal section 2917 of the Revised Statutes, fixing a standard for vinegar, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. R. 10) directing the Secretary of the Treasury to deliver to the Smithsonian Institution certain canceled plates of fractional currency, to be held as objects of interest, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill and joint resolution (S. 551 and S. R. 10) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4988) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to constitute superintendents of mints or assayers in assay offices assistant treasurers of the United States, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Kernan, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (S. 571) to enable Albert Fuller to have a hearing before the Commissioner of Patents, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4874) for the relief of the sureties of John McNellis, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 436) thereon.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 408) for the relief of Charles Brewster, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 437) thereon.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was re

ferred the bill (S. 1120) for the relief of Samuel Lowery, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 438) thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bills (S. 408 and S. 1120) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

On motion by Mr. Oglesby,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Lands be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1270) providing for the adjudication and issue of patents in Mission-land cases in the State of Oregon and the Territories of Washington, Idaho, and Montana, and that it be referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

Mr. Hamlin, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States, together with the letter of the Secretary of State relating to the award of the Fisheries Commission, submitted a report (No. 439) accompanied by a bill (S. 1328) providing for the payment of the award made by the Fisheries Commission at Halifax, under the treaty of Washington; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

In connection with said report he also submitted the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the views and recommendations embraced in the report of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations touching the award made by the Fisheries Commission at Halifax are hereby approved.

Mr. McDonald, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1277) to extend the jurisdiction of the district and circuit courts of the United States for the southern district of Florida, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 312. An act for the relief of Robert Coles.

S. 933. An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund a certain tax erroneously collected.

S. 1021. An act for the relief of certain settlers on the public lands.

Mr. Bayard, at his own request, was excused from service as a member of the board of visitors to attend the annual examination of cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Ordered, That the vacancy be filled by the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Morgan.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Bruce: A bill (S. 1329) for the relief of Eliza J. Mahan and Sophia G. Mitchell; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. McDonald: A bill (S. 1330) to quiet title of settlers on the Des Moines River lands, in the State of Iowa, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Public Lands.

By Mr. McDonald: A bill (S. 1331) to amend the practice in the courts of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Windom: A bill (S. 1332) granting a pension to John G. Merritt; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Morgan: A bill (S. 1333) for the relief of Joel S. Hankins and William Boyd, citizens of Lamar County, State of Alabama; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McPherson: A bill (S. 1334) for the relief of James Wyman; to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. McPherson submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Whereas many petitions have been presented to Congress praying for a reduction in the rate of tax on tobacco; and

Whereas it is expedient that the Senate give an immediate expression of opinion on this subject to the end that the tobacco-manufacturing industries of the country may resume and continue their business with safety (so far as the action of Congress may affect the same), and thereby give employment to thousands of operatives now thrown out of employment, causing great suffering and distress: Therefore,

Be it resolved, That it is unwise and inexpedient at the present session of Congress to change the existing rate of tax on manufactured tobacco.

Mr. Windom submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That seven hundred copies of the first volume of the report of the Select Committee on Transportation-Routes to the Seaboard be printed and bound for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved (*the House of Representatives concurring*), That there be printed two thousand extra copies of the message of the President transmitting a communication from the Secretary of State in reference to the deliberations of the Fishery Commission, with accompanying documents, and that five hundred copies of the same shall be for the use of the State Department, five hundred for the use of the Senate, and one thousand for the use of the House of Representatives.

On motion by Mr. Anthony that the Senate reconsider its vote agreeing to the resolution providing for printing extra copies of the message of the President of the United States in reference to the deliberations of the Fishery Commission, passed by the Senate on the 25th instant,

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Ordered, That the resolution be postponed indefinitely.

On motion by Mr. Eustis,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 109) defining the manner in which certain land-scrip may be assigned and located or applied by actual settlers, and providing for the issue of patents in the name of the locator or his legal representatives; and,

The question being on the motion of Mr. Edmunds to refer the bill to the Committee on Private Land Claims,

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States yesterday approved and signed the act (S. 930) granting a pension to Mary B. Marsh; and

He this day approved and signed the act (S. 933) to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund certain taxes erroneously collected, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution of the House (H. R. 178) to pay the laborers known as the cloak-room men, and to place them on the Doorkeeper's roll.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 4519) fixing a time for holding the election for Representatives to the Forty-sixth Congress of the United States in and for the State of California, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills (H. R. 3369 and H. R. 4713) and two enrolled joint resolutions (H. R. 173 and H. R. 178), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolutions:

H. R. 3369. An act to provide for the publication of notices of contest under the homestead, pre-emption, and tree-culture laws of the United States.

H. R. 4713. An act supplementary to the act of March 3, 1873, entitled "An act supplemental to an act of February 9, 1821, incorporating Columbian College, District of Columbia."

H. R. 173. A joint resolution granting the use of tents at the soldiers' reunion to be held at Des Moines, Iowa.

H. R. 178. A joint resolution to pay the laborers known as the cloak-room men, and to place them on the Doorkeeper's roll.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendment to the bill of the House (H. R. 3259) providing a form of government for the District of Columbia, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and,

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendment to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President *pro tempore*.

The bill (H. R. 4519) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 1178) to provide a fire-proof building for the use of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the mechanical branches of the Treasury and other departments; and,

Pending debate,

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 4663) to forbid the further retirement of United States legal-tender notes; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and

On motion by Mr. Bayard to amend the bill by inserting after the word "circulation," in line 10, the following:

Provided, That the said notes when so reissued shall be receivable for all dues to the United States, excepting duties on imports, and not be otherwise legal tender; and any reprint of the said notes shall bear this superscription,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 18 / Nays 42

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Burnside, Butler, Conkling, Eaton, Hamlin, Hoar, Kernan, Lamar, McPherson, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Wadleigh, Whyte.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Blaine, Bruce, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Dennis, Dorsey, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Ransom, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Matthews to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and in lieu thereof inserting the following words:

That whenever any United States legal-tender notes are returned to the Treasury, they shall be reissued from time to time as the exigencies of the public service may require, or others with like legal-tender quality and of equal amount issued in lieu thereof; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall not cancel or retire any of the same: Provided, That nothing herein shall prohibit the cancellation of mutilated notes and the issue of other similar notes of like denomination in their stead, as now provided by law. All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 10 / Nays 36

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnum, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Howe, Matthews, Morrill, Paddock, Rollins, Saulsbury.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Eaton, Ferry, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Oglesby, Saunders, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace, Whyte, Windom, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 41 / Nays 18

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Blaine, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dennis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Ransom, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Conkling, Eaton, Hoar, Howe, Kernan, Mitchell, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Saulsbury, Wadleigh, Whyte.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 4104) making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and,

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Hamlin, at 4 o'clock and 43 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Navy, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of May 15, 1878, information in relation to the appraisal of property belonging to Michael Fentenheime, at Pelican Point, Morris Island, South Carolina; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, presented a memorial of the legislature of Wisconsin, in favor of an appropriation for the improvement of the navigation of the Chippewa River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Whyte,

Ordered, That the memorial of merchants of Baltimore, remonstrating against granting any subsidy to the proposed line of steamers between the United States and Brazil, presented the 24th instant, be printed.

The President *pro tempore* signed the two enrolled bills (H. R. 3369 and H. R. 4713) and the two enrolled joint resolutions (H. R. 173 and 178) yesterday reported to have been examined, and they were deliv-

ered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Ingalls, and Mr. Barnum managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 3259) providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourn it be to Friday next.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of David Hardee, past assistant engineer, United States Navy, submited an adverse report (No. 440) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, who were instructed, by the resolution of the Senate of May 15, 1878, to inquire into certain alleged statements contained in an affidavit of Alexander Warner, connected with his dismissal from the public service at the navy-yard at Brooklyn, reported the same without recommendation, and submitted a report (No. 441) thereon; and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Mr. Teller, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of James Vance and William Vance, of San Antonio, Texas, submitted a report (No 442) thereon accompanied by a bill (S. 1335) for the relief of James Vance and William Vance, which was read the first and second times by unanimous consent.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4556) for the relief of F. W. Golladay, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 443) thereon.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 984) for the relief of William H. Merritt, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 444) thereon.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the the bill (S. 774) authorizing the Solicitor of the Treasury, by and with the consent of the Secretary of War, to cancel certain contracts for the sale of lots of land made at Harper's Ferry in the year 1869 by the United States, to resell the same, and sell or lease all other real estate and riparian rights now owned by the United States at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 445) thereon.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1146) for the relief of Monroe Donoho, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 448) thereon.

Mr. Eaton, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (S. 566) in relation to the Venezuelan Mixed Commission, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Hereford, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 786) for the relief of the Jeffersonville and Louisville Ferry Company, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 451) thereon.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 503) for the relief of F. G. Schwatka, sr., reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 446) thereon.

Mr. Hereford, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred

the bill (S. 615) for the relief of the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Patterson, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 447) thereon.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 210) for the relief of J. A. Stevenson, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 449) thereon.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 632) for the relief of William H. Cornell, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 450) thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bills (S. 786, S. 503, S. 615, S. 210, and S. 632); and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4236) making appropriations for the construction, repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

Leave having been obtained, bills and a joint resolution were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Howe: A bill (S. 1336) to authorize the National Academy of Sciences to receive and hold trust-funds for the promotion of science, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Library.

By Mr. McDonald: A bill (S. 1337) creating a board to be known as the Pacific Railroad Commissioners; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Coke: A joint resolution (S. 32) authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to Governor Hubbard, of Texas, such tents, poles, and pins as he may require for the use of the volunteers of the State at their summer encampment; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Paddock, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (S. 396) to amend section 2464 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the cultivation of timber on the public domain, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 396) to amend section 2464 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the cultivation of timber on the public domain, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House, and agree to the same with the following amendments:

Section 1, line 10, strike out all after the word "acres" and down to and including the word "acres" in line 11, and insert in lieu thereof the words *or less.*

Section 1, strike out all of lines 18 and 19.

Section 2, line 12, strike out the word "naturally," and insert in lieu thereof the words *or other lands.*

Section 2, line 20, after the word "dollars," insert the words *if the tract applied for is more than eighty acres; and five dollars if it is eighty acres or less.*

Section 2, line 27, after the word "cultivate," strike out the word "to" and insert in lieu thereof the words *and put in.*

Section 2, line 28, between the words "and" and "fourth" insert the word *the.*

Section 2, line 29, strike out all after the words "five acres" down to and including the word "subdivision" in the thirty-fourth line, and in-

ıe words *all entries of less quantity than one quarter-section shall* ɔed, *planted, cultivated, and planted to trees, tree-seeds, or cuttings,* ıame *manner and in the same proportion as hereinbefore provided for* ɛr-*section.*

ion 2, line 37, after the word "such," strike out the word "tim-ıd insert in lieu thereof the word *trees.*

ion 2, line 38, after the word "are," insert the word *so;* also, he word "provided" insert the word *further.*

ion 2, line 42, strike out the word "timber" and insert in lieu f the word *trees.*

ion 2, line 50, after the word "of," strike out the word "timber" sert in lieu thereof the word *trees.*

ion 2, line 53, after the word "least," strike out the words "nine ɔd" and insert in lieu thereof the words *six hundred and seventy-five.*

ion 2, line 54, after the word "such," strike out all to the end of ɪtion and insert in lieu thereof the words *tract of land.*

ɪe out all of section 3, and substitute the following:

if at any time after the filing of said affidavit, and prior to the is-f the patent for said land, the claimant shall fail to comply with any requirements of this act, then, and in that event, such land shall be to entry under the homestead laws, or by some other person under the ons of this act: Provided, That the party making the claim to said ither as a homestead settler or under this act, shall give at the time of is application such notice to the original claimant as shall be pre-by the rules established by the Commissioner of the General Land and the rights of the parties shall be determined as in other contested

to amend title of the bill by striking out the title and inserting thereof the following substitute:

ll to amend an act entitled "An act to encourage the growth of timber vestern prairies."

A. S. PADDOCK,
P. B. PLUMB,
L. F. GROVER,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
P. D. WIGGINTON,
T. M. PATTERSON,
FRANK WELCH,
Managers on the part of the House.

Senate proceeded to consider the report; and,

On motion by Mr. Paddock,

lved, That the Senate agree thereto.

red, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives

essage from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its

House of Representatives has concurred in the amendments of nate to the following bills of the House:

. 2132. An act to pay for clerical services and extraordinary ex-under the seventh section of August 18, 1856, in the Pawnee strict, in Kansas.

. 2176. An act granting an increase of pension to Mattie McTag-idow of the late First Lieutenant McTaggart, Seventeenth United Infantry.

. 4413. An act to provide for the free entry of articles imported

for exhibition by societies established for encouragement of the arts or sciences, and for other purposes.

H. R. 4425. An act to alter and amend a law of the District of Columbia relative to the inspection of flour.

The House of Representatives has passed the resolution of the Senate providing for the adjournment of the two houses of Congress on Monday, June 10, 1878, with an amendment as follows: Strike out the words "June 10," and in lieu thereof insert the words *June seventeenth;* in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the second amendment of the House to the bill of the Senate (S. 35) to repeal the bankrupt law.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 4867. An act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes;

H. R. 4200. An act relating to the national road in the State of Maryland, and to give consent of the United States to a certain act of the general assembly of Maryland in relation to said road;

H. R. 4824. An act to amend section 3843 of the Revised Statutes, in relation to settlements of postmasters; and

H. R. 5052. An act to amend section 3835 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the bill of the House (H. R. 3064) making appropriations for the consular and diplomatic service of the government for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed ten enrolled bills (S. 363, S. 874, H. R. 430, H. R. 1918, H. R. 1119, H. R. 2176, H. R. 2132, H. R. 4413, H. R. 4425, H. R. 4663), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 363. An act granting a pension to James Newcomb;

S. 874. An act granting a pension to Alfred Richardson, late of Company A, Twelfth Indiana Volunteers;

H. R. 430. An act for the relief of John Clinton, postmaster at Brownsville, Tennessee;

H. R. 1918. An act for the relief of Milton B. Cushing, paymaster, United States Navy;

H. R. 1119. An act to confirm the title of Benjamin E. Edwards, his heirs, assigns, or legal representatives, to a certain tract of land in the Territory of New Mexico;

H. R. 2176. An act granting an increase of pension to Mattie McTaggart, widow of the late First Lieutenant McTaggart, Seventeenth United States Infantry;

H. R. 2132. An act to pay for clerical services and extraordinary expenses under the seventh section of the act of August 18, 1856, in the Pawnee land-district, in Kansas;

H. R. 4413. An act to provide for the free entry of articles imported for exhibition by societies established for encouragement of the arts or sciences, and for other purposes;

H. R. 4425. An act to alter and amend a law of the District of Columbia relative to the inspection of flour; and

H. R. 4663. An act to forbid the further retirement of United States legal-tender notes.

The President *pro tempore* signed the ten enrolled bills (S. 363, S. 874, [. R. 430, H. R. 1918, H. R. 1119, H. R. 2176, H. R. 2132, H. R. 4413, H. ;. 4425, H. R. 4663) last reported to have been examined, and they were elivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the Jnited States.

Mr. Windom, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing 'otes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 3064) making appropriations 'or the consular and diplomatic service of the government for the year :nding June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, submitted the following 'eport:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two louses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 3064) making ippropriations for the consular and diplomatic service of the governnent for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, having net, after full and free conference have agréed to recommend, and do ecommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 46, 47, 49, 50, 4, 55, 57, and 58.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 6, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 44, 45, 51, 2, 53, 56, and 59, and agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 11, and agree to the same with an amendment striking out lines and 4, page 2 of the bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

That hereafter chargés d'affaires ad interim shall receive no additional ay beyond that which the law provides for the regular offices which they old in their respective legations;

And the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 12, and agree to the same with an amendment striking out the omma between the words "Paraguay" and "Uruguay," and inserting he word *and;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 15, and agree to the same with an amendment striking out lines 4 and 15, page 2 of the bill; and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 24, and agree to the same with an amendment striking out "ten" nd inserting in lieu thereof *four;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 43, and agree to the same with an amendment striking out the ords "Turk's Island;" and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 48, and agree to the same with an amendment striking out the ord "Milan;" and the Senate agree to the same.

WM. WINDOM,
W. B. ALLISON,
WM. W. EATON,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
O. R. SINGLETON,
WM. A. J. SPARKS,
EUGENE HALE,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Sargent, that the Senate proceed to consider the bill (H. R. 1077) to relieve certain legal disabilities of women,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 26 / Nays 26

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Blaine, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Ferry, Hoar, Howe, Kirkwood, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Oglesby, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Teller, Voorhees, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Cockrell, Coke, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Eaton, Eustis, Grover, Hamlin, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Randolph, Saulsbury, Thurman, Whyte, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The bills last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 4200, H. R. 4824, and H. R. 5052 be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads; and that the bill H. R. 4867 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

H. R. 430. An act for the relief of John Clinton, postmaster at Brownsville, Tennessee.

H. R. 1119. An act to confirm the title of Benjamin E. Edwards, his heirs, assigns, or legal representatives, to a certain tract of land in the Territory of New Mexico.

H. R. 1918. An act for the relief of Milton B. Cushing, paymaster, United States Navy.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1896) for the relief of Nancy A. Herrick, of Rochester; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the preamble reported by the Committee on Private Land-Claims be agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives to the preamble.

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 482) for the relief of William H. Nessle; and,

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, namely, the bill (4104) making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

And the Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Ordered, That debate on the amendments to the said bill be confined to five minutes by any Senator on the pending motion.

The amendments reported by the Committee on Appropriations having been agreed to in part, and in part disagreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Windom, from the Committee on Appropriations, the motion of Mr. Howe, from the Committee on the Library, the motion of Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, and the motion of Mr. Christiancy, from the Committee on the Revision of the Laws;

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois, to further amend the bill by inserting after the word "governor," in lines 1301 and 1302, the words *two thousand six hundred dollars*, and by striking out after the word "judges," in line 1302, the words "at two thousand six hundred dollars each," and in lieu thereof inserting the words *three thousand*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 17 / Nays 30

On motion by Mr. Davis, of West Virginia,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Christiancy, Davis of Illinois, Dennis, Ferry, Hill, Hoar, Jones of Florida, Kirkwood, Matthews, Paddock, Teller, Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Barnum, Beck, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of West Virginia, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Gordon, Hamlin, Hereford, Howe, Johnston, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Windom, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Saulsbury that the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 24 / Nays 24

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Bruce, Cockrell, Coke, Conkling, Dennis, Eustis, Gordon, Hill, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, Merrimon, Morgan, Ransom, Sargent, Saulsbury, Spencer, Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Blaine, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Davis of Illinois, Davis of West Virginia, Dorsey, Ferry, Hereford, Hoar, Howe, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Morrill, Paddock, Randolph, Rollins, Saunders, Teller, Windom, Withers.

A further amendment having been proposed by Mr. Spencer,

On motion by Mr. Sargent, at 6 o'clock, p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1878.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the resolution of the Senate providing for the adjournment of the two houses of Congress on Monday, June 10, 1878; and,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of May 16, 1878, information in relation to alleged discrepancies in the claim of Thomas Worthington.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

Mr. Armstrong presented a petition of citizens of Missouri, praying the repeal of the law providing for the resumption of specie payments.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Whyte presented a memorial of the medical and chirurgical faculty of Maryland, praying the adoption of the metric system of weights and measures after a date to be fixed by law; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wadleigh presented a memorial of citizens of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, remonstrating against any legislation affecting the number of hours labor or the compensation of laborers, mechanics, &c., on government works.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Beck presented a petition of George Oakley and Jacob Ginter, of Bath County, Kentucky, praying to be allowed pensions on account of services rendered during the Mexican war; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of citizens of Pennsylvania, praying the passage of a law granting aid in the construction of the Texas Pacific Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Wallace presented a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in favor of the appointment of practical rivermen in connection with government engineers upon the proposed commission for the improvement of the Mississippi River; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of the Commercial Exchange of Philadelphia, praying an increase of the Army of the United States; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of John George Scherzer, of Philadelphia, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Whyte presented a petition of citizens of Maryland, praying the recognition of their claims for pensions, who are, as they allege, sufferers by the limitations of an unwise pension-law; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Wallace presented three memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any change in the present tariff laws; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of Catherine Holt, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Sargent presented a memorial of the California Academy of Sciences, praying an increased appropriation for the extension of the operations of the Signal Service, especially over California and the Pacific coast; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Voorhees presented a memorial of Fred. Knefler, United States

pension agent at Indianapolis, Indiana, on the subject of the consolidation of the several pension agencies in the United States, and the regulation of the fees and compensation of pension agents; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Merrimon a manager on the part of the Senate at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 3969) regulating the appointment of justices of the peace, commissioners of deeds, and constables within and for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, in place of Mr. Harris, excused.

Mr. Thurman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1200) to alter and amend the laws relative to filing of reports of Pacific Railroad companies, and for other purposes, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Private Land-Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 773) making a pre-emption grant to the heirs of Jean Baptiste Beaubien, deceased, for a part of Fort Dearborn reservation, at Chicago, Illinois, and to confirm purchasers of other parts in their titles, and to convey to the city of Chicago the streets and alleys of said reservation, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 454) thereon.

Mr. McDonald, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 491) to promote the administration of justice in the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. McDonald, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 919) for the better administration of justice in the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bills (S. 491 and S. 919) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. McDonald, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 36) to reorganize the judiciary of the District of Columbia, and to expedite the administration of justice in said District, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 127) for the relief of Daniel Compton, of Troy, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 452) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4377) granting a pension to William Cogswell, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3284) for the relief of James Johnson, late collector of the port of Savannah, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 453) thereon.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1181) to amend the charter of the Metropolitan Railroad Company of the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4367) granting a pension to Mrs. Sarah A. Bell, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Saulsbury, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds

to whom was referred the petition of citizens of New Berne, North Carolina, for the purchase of a building in that city suitable for a post-office and other government offices, reported a bill (S. 1338) to provide for the purchase of a building at New Berne, North Carolina, to be used as a post-office and United States court, and for the accommodation of United States internal-revenue officials, and for other purposes; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills and a joint resolution were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Barnum: A bill (S. 1339) to provide for the settlement of all outstanding claims against the District of Columbia, and conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to hear the same, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A bill (S. 1340) granting a pension to Mason Farwell; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A bill (S. 1341) to declare the true intent and meaning of Title II, chapter one, section fourteen, of the Revised Statutes; to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

By Mr. Eaton: A bill (S. 1342) concerning street-railroads in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Rollins: A bill (S. 1343) relating to the taxation of street-railroads in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Dennis: A bill (S. 1344) relating to tax-sales and taxes in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 1345) granting a pension to Mrs. Elizabeth M. Hill; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Whyte: A joint resolution (S. 33) providing for the purchase of six hundred copies of Hickey's Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 5053) to provide for the expenses of the select committee on alleged frauds in the late Presidential election, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

Mr. Rollins submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the proper officers of the several railway companies of the District of Columbia be, and they hereby are, directed to furnish to the Senate a sworn statement of the amount of their capital stock, the amount of their bonded and floating indebtedness, the amount of their gross and net earnings, and operating expenses, with the dividends paid annually by each, respectively, since their incorporation.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois,

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (S. 1266) to provide for the appointment of an additional circuit judge in the seventh judicial circuit; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Bruce,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1174) for the relief of Nannie Hall; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Bruce, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Burnside,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 542) to provide for the conveyance of the low grounds in the city of Washington, under the provisions of the act of Congress, chapter 96, approved May 7, 1822; and the amendments reported by the Committee on the District of Columbia having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

On motion by Mr. Whyte that the Senate reconsider its vote on the passage of the foregoing bill,

Ordered, That the consideration of the motion be postponed to to-morrow.

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its last adjournment, viz, the bill (H. R. 4104) making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Spencer, viz, In line 54, page 3, after the word "pensions" insert the words *and clerk to the Committee on Military Affairs*,

After debate,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 33 / Nays 9

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Conover, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kernan, Kirkwood, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Saunders, Spencer, Wadleigh, Whyte.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Eaton, Hamlin, Hereford, Hill, McDonald, Morrill, Sargent, Saulsbury, Windom.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Eustis to amend the bill, in line 1888, by inserting after the word "dollars" the words *for fourteen clerks to prepare plats and field-notes, &c., at one thousand dollars each, fourteen thousand dollars*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 13 / Nays 26

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Booth, Cockrell, Conover, Eustis, Grover, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kirkwood, Maxey, Mitchell, Morgan, Plumb, Spencer.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Cameron of Wisconsin, Eaton, Ferry, Hereford, Hoar, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, McPherson, Merrimon, Morrill, Ransom, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Voorhees, Whyte, Windom, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Morgan, the motion of Mr. Allison, the motion of Mr. Windom, the motion of Mr. Cameron of Wisconsin, and the motion of Mr. Eustis, it was reported to the Senate, and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the said amendments.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the resolution reported by him from the Committee on Foreign Relations on the 28th instant, as follows:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the views and recommendations embraced in the report of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations touching the award made by the fisheries commission at Halifax are hereby approved,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 35 / Nays 21

On motion by Mr. Beck,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present.

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Christiancy, Conkling, Conover, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Grover, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kernan, Kirkwood, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Oglesby, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Wadleigh, Whyte, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Davis of Illinois, Edmunds, Ferry, Hereford, Hill, Ingalls, McCreery, McDonald, Merrimon, Morgan, Morrill, Paddock, Saunders, Spencer, Voorhees, Withers.

So the motion was agreed to;

And the Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution, and

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Edmunds,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Allison,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Oglesby, at 5 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, relative to the purchase of certain property adjoining the Winder building in the city of Washington, for the use of the War Department; which was referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

Mr. Eustis presented a resolution of the Chamber of Commerce of New Orleans, in favor of the passage of the bill providing for a modification of the contract with Captain J. B. Eads for the construction of jetties at the South Pass of the Mississippi River; which was referred to the Select Committee on Transportation-Routes to the Seaboard.

Mr. Whyte presented resolutions of the general assembly of Maryland, in favor of the restoration of Ex-Lieutenant Samuel Chase Barney to the retired-list of the United States Navy; which were referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Whyte presented the petition of Isaac R. Trimble, of Baltimore County, Maryland, praying the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ingalls presented the petition of J. M. Dyer, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 363. An act granting a pension to James Newcomb.

S. 874. An act granting a pension to Alfred Richardson, late of Company A, Twelfth Indiana Volunteers.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Select Committee on Transportation-Routes to the Seaboard, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1262) to amend an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," approved March 3, A. D. 1875, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Matthews, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1093) authorizing railroad companies to construct and maintain telegraph lines for commercial purposes, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Saunders, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1284) creating the Utah and Northern Railway Company a corporation in the Territories of Utah, Idaho, and Montana, and granting the right of way to said company through the public lands, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3564) granting a pension to Mrs. Isabell Dunbar, widow of Daniel Dunbar, late first engineer on steamer Victor No. 2, reported it without amendment.

Leave having been obtained, bills and a joint resolution were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cockrell: A bill (S. 1346) to provide for the investigation of the diseases of swine and contagious and infectious diseases incident to domestic animals; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. McMillan: A bill (S. 1347) to aid in the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River from the military reservation of Fort Snelling, in the State of Minnesota, and granting the right of way through said reservation; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Howe: A bill (S. 1348) to authorize the President to reinstate certain officers of the United States Army; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Sargent: A bill (S. 1349) to confer certain powers on the United States circuit and district courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Kirkwood: A joint resolution (S. 34) granting the use of artillery, tents, and so forth, at the soldiers' reunion to be held at Centreville, Iowa; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 3969) regulating the appointment of justices of the peace, commissioners of deeds, and constables within and for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

The House of Representatives insists upon its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 3259) providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia. It agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. J. C. S. Blackburn, Mr. A. S. Williams, and Mr. G. W. Hendee managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the following bills of the Senate:

S. 72. An act for the relief of the heirs of William A. Graham.

S. 82. An act for the relief of Gustav A. Hesselberger.

S. 138. An act for the relief of settlers on the public lands under the pre-emption laws.

S. 342. An act for the relief of Phœbe Henrietta Groesbeck.

S. 644. An act for the relief of Dwight W. Hakes.

S. 998. An act for the relief of George R. Dennis, of Maryland.

S. 1033. An act for the relief of J. C. McBurney.

M. Dorsey, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 3969) regulating the appointment of the justices of the peace, commissioners of deeds, and constables within and for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses upon the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 3969) regulating the appointment of the justices of the peace, commissioners of deeds, and constables within and for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments numbered 1, 2, 4, 9, 12, 18, 19, 20, and 21; and

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 14, and agree to the same with an amendment striking out the words "justices of the peace and," in line 23, page 2.

S. W. DORSEY,
J. J. INGALLS,
A. S. MERRIMON,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
EPPA HUNTON,
JOS. C. S. BLACKBURN,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and,

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Whyte,

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion yesterday submitted by him that the Senate reconsider its vote on the passage of the bill (S. 542) to provide for the conveyance of the low grounds in the city of Washington, under the provisions of the act of Congress, chapter 96, approved May 7, 1822; and

The motion was agreed to.

The vote ordering the bill to be engrossed and read a third time having also been reconsidered, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Whyte,

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills and joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 13. An act for the relief of H. G. Boardman, postmaster at Milton, Vermont.

H. R. 184. An act for the relief of E. U. Lively, postmaster at Williamsburg, Virginia.

H. R. 537. An act for the relief of William P. Hazard.

H. R. 541. An act for the relief of William H. Carmen.

H. R. 609. An act for the relief of G. W. Jobe, late second lieutenant of Company F, Forty-sixth Missouri Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 720. An act for the relief of John Eaton.

H. R. 739. An act for the relief of Henry Plowman.

H. R. 799. An act for the relief of Paul McCormick.

H. R. 819. An act for the relief of Joab Spencer and James R. Mead, for supplies furnished the Kansas tribe of Indians.

H. R. 967. An act for the relief of William Hedgneth, of Paulding County, Georgia.

H. R. 1163. An act for the relief of the heirs of Charles B. Smith, deceased.

H. R. 1301. An act for the relief of Henry E. Wilkinson, late first lieutenant of Company I, Ninety-ninth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers.

H. R. 1395. An act for the relief of John G. Campbell, of Clinton, Indiana.

H. R. 1660. An act for the relief of St. Michael's Church, Charleston, South Carolina.

H. R. 1901. An act for the relief of Philip W. Stanhope.

H. R. 2153. An act providing for the payment of counsel-fees in Osage ceded-land suits.

H. R. 2242. An act for the relief of William T. Malster, of Baltimore, Maryland.

H. R. 2394. An act for the relief of Leonard L. Lancaster, late sergeant, Second Regiment Cavalry, Wisconsin Volunteers.

H. R. 2396. An act for the relief of John E. Williamson.

H. R. 2421. An act for the relief of H. H. Lemon, member of the Capitol police force for injuries received, while in the discharge of his duties, in the year 1870.

H. R. 2848. An act for the relief of M. F. Clark.

H. R. 2918. An act for the relief of Merritt Barber, first lieutenant, United States Infantry.

H. R. 3186. An act for the relief of the Commercial Bank of Knoxville, Tennessee.

H. R. 3257. An act for the relief of William H. Merritt.

H. R. 3558. An act for the relief of Second Lieutenant Thomas T. Knox, regimental quartermaster First Cavalry.

H. R. 3733. An act for the relief of Hanson Harmon.

H. R. 3734. An act for the relief of Thomas Strider, of Winchester, Virginia.

H. R. 3737. An act for the relief of V. H. McCormick.

H. R. 3738. An act for the relief of B. S. James.

H. R. 3825. An act for the relief of Susanna Marble and others, heirs of Abel S. Lee.

H. R. 3853. An act for the relief of William F. Wheeler.

H. R. 3854. An act for the relief of John Tweedy, postmaster in Danbury, Connecticut.

H. R. 3855. An act for the relief of William A. Mann.

H. R. 3856. An act for the relief of T. A. Kendig, of Louisiana.

H. R. 3857. An act for the relief of Robert Warner.

H. R. 3858. An act for the relief of William S. Burgess and others, of Tennessee.

H. R. 3860. An act for the relief of Charles C. Reynolds.

H. R. 3861. An act to reimburse Richard Joseph for money paid on forged vouchers.

H. R. 3862. An act for the relief of E. B. Head, postmaster at Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

H. R. 3863. An act for the relief of Nathaniel G. Smith.

H. R. 3866. An act for the relief of Mrs. F. A. Perrin, of Clyde, Ohio.

H. R. 5056. An act for the relief of Levi Price.

H. R. 5060. An act for the relief of William G. Ford, of Tennessee, administrator of John G. Robinson, deceased.

H. R. 5063. An act for the relief of Daniel S. McDougal.

H. R. 63. Joint resolution requiring the assembling of a court of inquiry in the case of Major Granville O. Haller, late of the Seventh Infantry, United States Army.

H. R. 106. Joint resolution referring to the Court of Claims the claim of James E. Kelsey, John Loughlin, Theron Kelsey, and others, against the United States for damages done to the schooner C. and C. Brooks.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill (H. R. 3064), I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill (H. R. 3064) making appropriations for the consular and diplomatic service of the government for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

The President *pro tempore* signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 3064) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill (H. R. 2153) this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read and passed to a second reading.

The bill (H. R. 5053) yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 1178) to provide a fire-proof building for the use of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and the mechanical branches of the Treasury and other departments; and no amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed, and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the resolution of the Senate providing for the final adjournment of Congress on the 10th instant; and,

On motion by Mr. Beck to refer the resolution to the Committee on Appropriations,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 21 / Nays 32

On motion by Mr. Beck,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Cockrell, Conkling, Dennis, Eustis, Ferry, Hereford, Hill, Ingalls, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, McPherson, Merrimon, Morrill, Windom, Saulsbury, Voorhees.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnum, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conover, Dorsey, Eaton, Edmunds, Gordon, Grover, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Johnston, Kernan, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Wadleigh, Whyte, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Voorhees to amend the resolution by striking out "June 17" and in lieu thereof inserting *June twenty-five*.

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 17 / Nays 38

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Cockrell, Dennis, Eustis, Ferry, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Ingalls, Lamar, McCreery, McPherson, Merrimon, Ransom, Voorhees.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Conover, Dorsey, Eaton, Edmunds, Gordon, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Johnston, Kernan, Kirkwood, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Wadleigh, Whyte, Windom, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Anthony to lay the resolution on the table.

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Thurman to amend the resolution by striking out "June 17" and in lieu thereof inserting *June twenty-two.*

It was determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Windom, to postpone the further consideration of the resolution to Monday next,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 26 / Nays..... 31

On motion by Mr. Windom,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Cockrell, Conkling, Dennis, Eustis, Ferry, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Lamar, McDonald, McMillan, McPherson, Merrimon, Ransom, Saulsbury, Thurman, Voorhees, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Barnum, Blaine, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conover, Dorsey, Eaton, Edmunds, Gordon, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Johnston, Kernan, Kirkwood, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh, Whyte, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

On the question to agree to the amendment of the House of Representatives, viz, strike out of the resolution "June 10" and in lieu thereof insert *June seventeen.*

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 38 / Nays..... 17

On motion by Mr. Beck,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Barnum, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Conover, Dorsey, Eaton, Edmunds, Gordon, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Johnston, Kellogg, Kernan, Kirkwood, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Spencer, Wadleigh, Whyte, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Cockrell, Dennis, Eustis, Ferry, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Jones of Florida, Lamar, Merrimon, Ransom, Voorhees, Windom.

So the amendment of the House of Representatives to the resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution reported from the Committee on Foreign Relations relative to the award made by the Fisheries Commission at Halifax, as follows:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the views and recommendations embraced in the report of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations touching the award made by the Fisheries Commission at Halifax are hereby approved; and,

The pending question being on the amendment yesterday proposed by Mr. Edmunds,

After debate,

Mr. Edmunds withdrew the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds that the resolution be recommitted to the Committee on Foreign Relations, with instructions to consider and report whether, in its opinion, the award at Halifax is upon just principles of law, binding upon the United States;

On motion by Mr. Hamlin to amend the motion by striking out the words "be recommitted to the Committee on Foreign Relations" and inserting in lieu thereof the words *referred to the Committee on the Judiciary*,

It was determined in the affirmative; and

On the question to agree to the motion as amended,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 17 / Nays 28

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Beck, Christiancy, Edmunds, Eustis, Hereford, Ingalls, Maxey, Merrimon, Oglesby, Ransom, Rollins, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Dorsey, Eaton, Ferry, Gordon, Hamlin, Hill, Hoar, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Kirkwood, McCreery, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Morrill, Paddock, Plumb, Randolph, Sargent, Windom.

So the motion was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds to amend the resolution by inserting at the end thereof the following words:

That, in the judgment of the two houses, the provisions of articles eighteen and twenty-one of the treaty between the United States and the government of Great Britain, concluded on the eighth day of May, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-one, ought to be terminated at the earliest period consistent with the provisions of article thirty-three of the same treaty,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 26 / Nays 14

On motion by Mr. Oglesby,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Conover, Edmunds, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Hamlin, Hereford, Hoar, Ingalls, Kirkwood, McMillan, McPherson, Maxey, Morrill, Paddock, Plumb, Ransom, Rollins, Spencer, Thurman, Voorhees, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Eaton, Hill, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Lamar, Matthews, Oglesby, Sargent.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The resolution as amended was then agreed to as follows:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the views and recommendations embraced in the report of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations touching the award made by the Fisheries Commission at Halifax are hereby approved; and

That, in the judgment of the two houses, the provisions of articles 18 and 21 of the treaty between the United States and the government of Great Britain, concluded on the 8th day of May, A. D. 1871, ought to be terminated at the earliest period consistent with the provisions of article 33 of the same treaty.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds, at 6 o'clock and 28 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1878.

The bills and joint resolutions received on Saturday last from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 13, H. R. 184, H. R. 1395, H. R. 3854, H. R. 3860, H. R. 3862, H. R. 3863, and H. R. 3866 be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads; that the bills H. R. 537, H. R. 541, H. R. 609, H. R. 720, H. R. 739, H. R. 1163, H. R. 1301, H. R. 1901, H. R. 2394, H. R. 2396, H. R. 2918, H. R. 3558, and H. R. 3855, and the joint resolution H. R. 63, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that the bills H. R. 799, H. R. 2242, H. R. 2421, H. R. 2848, H. R. 3186, H. R. 3257, H. R. 3733, H. R. 3734, H. R. 3737, H. R. 3738, H. R. 3853, H. R. 3856, H. R. 3857, H. R. 3858, H. R. 3861, H. R. 5060, and H. R. 5063, and the joint resolution H. R. 106, be referred to the Committee on Claims; that the bills H. R. 819 and H. R. 3825 be referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs, and that the bills H. R. 967, H. R. 1660, and H. R. 5056 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting, in obedience to law, the ninth report upon the improvement of the South Pass of the Mississippi River.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Conkling presented the memorial of Chester A. Arthur, collector of the port of New York, in favor of the passage of a law authorizing the proper officers of the Treasury Department to adjust and settle a discrepancy in the accounts of the late cashier of the custom-house at that port; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Whyte presented the petition of Franklin Rives and others, praying the passage of a law authorizing the purchase by the United States of the copyright, stereotype-plates, back volumes, &c., of the Congressional Globe; which was referred to the Committee on Printing.

Mr. Beck presented the petition of Caroline Craxton, widow of John T. Craxton, of Kentucky, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Bailey presented the petition of J. H. Reagan, J. P. Miller, and others, praying for the establishment of a post-route from Olympus, Overton County, Tennessee, via Head of Cain, to Travisville, Tennessee; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Gordon presented the memorial of Horatio D. Jarves, in favor of certain amendments to the pension laws; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Rollins, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the memorial of Peter F. Bacon and others, citizens of the District of Columbia, in favor of the appointment of a commission to report a plan for the improvement of the drainage and sewerage of the city of Washington, reported adversely thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Rollins,

Ordered, That Benjamin Severson have leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate the memorial of Peter F. Bacon *et al.*, relating to Severson's plan for the improvement of the Potomac River and the drainage of the city of Washington, on leaving copies with the Secretary.

On motion by Mr. Withers,

Ordered, That Mrs. M. L. Gager have leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate her petition and accompanying papers, on leaving copies with the Secretary.

Mr. Dorsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the petition of the National Prohibition Alliance, praying for the abolition of the liquor traffic in those portions of the country exclusively under the control of Congress, reported adversely thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Rollins, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the petition of Hugh Coyle, praying that Senate Report No. 572, of the second session of the Forty-fourth Congress, relative to a form of government for the District of Columbia, be reprinted for distribution, reported adversely thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Sarah C. Abbott, of Warren, Rhode Island, praying for an increase of pension, reported adversely thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Merrimon,

Ordered, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of February 25, instructing the committee to inquire into the necessity of an appropriation for additional school-buildings in said District.

On motion by Mr. Withers,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Joseph McGuckian, praying to be allowed a pension, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Rollins, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom were referred the following bills, reported them severally without amendment, and that they ought not to pass:

S. 326. A bill to amend the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Washington Market Company."

S. 327. A bill in relation to the affairs of the Washington Market Company.

S. 1184. A bill proposing a new form of government for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 707) for the relief of Mary A. Lord, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1778) granting a pension to William Abendroth, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 457) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the following bills, reported them severally without amendment, and that they ought not to pass:

S. 718. A bill granting a pension to Warren F. Wood.

S. 1104. A bill granting a pension to Mrs. Agatha O'Brien.

H. R. 3566. An act granting a pension to Harriet E. Edwards, widow of David S. Edwards, late surgeon in the United States Navy.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bills (S. 326, S. 327, S. 1184, S. 707, H. R. 1778, S. 718, S. 1104, and H. R. 3566) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Rollins, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom were referred the following bills, reported them with amendments:

H. R. 3708. An act to regulate the practice of pharmacy in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 4426. An act relative to the Washington Market Company.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the following bills, reported them without amendment:

H. R. 2226. An act granting a pension to Charles H. Bugbee, late a private in Company A, Third Vermont Volunteers.

H. R. 3166. An act granting a pension to Agatha O'Brien, widow of John C. J. O'Brien, brevet major United States Army.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4945) for the preservation of game and protection of birds in the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1332) granting a pension to John G. Merritt, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 458) thereon.

Mr. Ingalls, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 561) granting a pension to William H. Nims, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1434) granting a pension to John Langland, late private of Company B, First Michigan Sharpshooters, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 459) thereon.

Mr. Merrimon, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 979) in relation to the payment of taxes and assessments in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Grover, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1962) for the relief of Jane Clark, Margaret A. Jack, Justina Peterson, and Mary Johnson, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Barnum, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 339) for the relief of William Bowen, of the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 456) thereon.

Mr. Hill, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 264) for the relief of General William Thompson, of the Revolutionary Army, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was recommitted the bill (H. R. 4422) to amend section 4695 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Dorsey, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1186) amendatory of and supplementary to the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Texas Pacific Railroad Company and to aid in the construction of its road, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1871, and the several acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Dorsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1297) for the protection of dairymen, and to prevent deception in sale of butter and cheese in the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4387) granting a pension to James C. Bates, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 455) thereon.

Mr. Merrimon, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1154) to incorporate the National Fair

Grounds Association, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Merrimon, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4616) to incorporate the National Fair Grounds Association, reported it without amendment.

Leave having been obtained, bills and a joint resolution were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Conkling: A bill (S. 1350) for the relief of Chester A. Arthur, collector of the port of New York; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Hereford: A bill (S. 1351) for the relief of Jonas P. Levy; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Wallace: A joint resolution (S. 35) authorizing copies of official papers to be furnished in suits by the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Sargent submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the daily sessions of the Senate shall hereafter commence at eleven o'clock a. m., unless otherwise ordered by the Senate.

Mr. Whyte submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing are hereby authorized and directed to inquire into the expediency of purchasing from the present owners and proprietors of the Congressional Globe property all the stereotype plates, consisting of eighty-four complete volumes, and all the bound and unbound volumes, and the copyright, together with the fire-proof building in the rear of the Globe office, with the right of way thereto; and of reporting the amount necessary for the purchase of the same.

Mr. Blaine submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be respectfully requested to communicate to the Senate, if not in his judgment incompatible with the public interest, all correspondence between our Government and the government of Her Britannic Majesty in regard to inviting other maritime powers to accede to the three rules prescribing the duty of neutral governments, as set forth in the sixth article of the treaty of Washington.

Mr. Booth submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Library:

Resolved, That a committee of Senators be appointed, to act with a similar committee of the House of Representatives, whose duty it shall be to receive for the United States the century-safe from the donor on the 4th day of July next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 1896) for the relief of Nancy A. Herrick, of Rochester, New York; and

It has passed, without amendment, the bill of the Senate (S. 134) making appropriations for continuing the improvements of Galveston Harbor, State of Texas.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 1582. An act to create the northern judicial district of the State of Texas, and to change the eastern and western judicial districts of said State, and to fix the time and place of holding courts in said districts.

H. R. 3892. An act to change the time for holding terms of the district court for the western district of Virginia, at Danville.

H. R. 5065. An act to give circuit courts supervisory jurisdiction in certain criminal cases.

H. R. 5066. An act authorizing the Solicitor of the Treasury, by and with the consent of the Secretary of War, to cancel certain contracts for the sale of lots of land made at Harper's Ferry in the year 1869, by the United States, to resell the same, and sell or lease all other real estate and riparian rights now owned by the United States at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.

H. R. 5067. An act to divide the western district of Missouri into two divisions and to prescribe the times and places for holding courts therein, and for other purposes.

H. R. 5068. An act to amend the act entitled "An act to further the administration of justice in the State of Colorado."

H. R. 5070. An act to detach certain territory from the eastern judicial district of Michigan and to attach the same to the western judicial district of Michigan, and to provide for divisions in said western district, and for holding the district and circuit courts therein, and for other purposes.

H. R. 5071. An act to authorize the holding of terms of the United States district court for the district of West Virginia at Martinsburg.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills (S. 35 and S. 396), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Paddock reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 35. An act to repeal the bankrupt law.

S. 396. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to encourage the growth of timber on the western prairies."

A message from the President of the United States by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States approved and signed, on the 1st instant, the following acts:

S. 312. An act for the relief of Robert Coles.

S. 1021. An act for the relief of certain settlers on the public lands; and

He this day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 20. An act authorizing the citizens of Colorado, Nevada, and the Territories to fell and remove timber on the public domain for mining and domestic purposes.

S. 926. An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, and Nevada, and in Washington Territory.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Davis, of West Virginia, was excused from service as a manager at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 3974) making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1879.

Ordered, That the vacancy be filled by the Presiding Officer; and

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Anthony in the chair) appointed Mr. Eaton.

On motion by Mr. Bailey that the Senate reconsider its vote postponing indefinitely the bill (H. R. 742) granting a pension to Reuben J. Chewning,

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

On motion by Mr. Bailey,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Pensions.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 26) to donate a portion of the military reservation of Fort Harker to the State of Kansas for the establishment of an educational or charitable institution, and to open the remainder of said reservation to settlement; and,

On motion by Mr. Plumb,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (S. 1308) to amend sundry provisions of chapter 1, title 3, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to Presidential elections, and to provide for and regulate the counting of the votes for President and Vice-President, and the decision of questions arising thereon,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 26 / Nays..... 27

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Booth, Christiancy, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Edmunds, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Patterson, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Beck, Butler, Coke, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, McPherson, Maxey, Merrimon, Saulsbury, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 861) relating to telegraphic communication between the United States and foreign countries; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 4988) to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to constitute superintendents of mints or assayers in assay-offices assistant treasurers of the United States; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Mitchell,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the

following bills; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate:

S. 125. A bill to change the name of the steamer George W. Elder to Columbia.

S. 126. A bill to change the name of the steamer City of Chester to Portland.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Maxey,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 153) providing for the issue of arms to Territories; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Military Affairs having been agreed to, the resolution was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the resolution read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Whyte,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 4420) for the relief of Horace E. Mullan; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Naval Affairs having been agreed to; and

A further amendment having been proposed by Mr. Cockrell,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 4286) to establish post-routes in the several States herein named, and the amendments reported by the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads having been agreed to in part, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Ferry, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads,

On motion by Mr. Hamlin to amend the last reported amendment by inserting the following as an additional section:

SEC. —. *That the President and Vice-President of the United States, Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress, the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, may send or receive free, through the mails, written or printed communications not exceeding two ounces in weight; and the name the President, the Vice-President, and of each Senator, Representative, Delegate, Secretary of the Senate, or Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be written on letters or communications which they shall respectively send through the mails,*

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 29 / Nays..... 29

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Burnside, Butler, Conkling, Conover, Dorsey, Edmunds, Gordon, Hamlin, Hill, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kirkwood, Lamar, McDonald, Matthews,

Mitchell, Paddock, Patterson, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Eaton, Eustis, Ferry, Hereford, Johnston, Kernan, McCreery, McMillan, McPherson, Maxey, Merrimon, Morrill, Oglesby, Plumb, Randolph, Ransom, Sargent, Saulsbury, Voorhees, Wallace.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On the question to agree to the portion of the last reported amendment included between sections 38 and 44; and,

The same having been amended on the motion of Mr. Withers and Mr. Maxey,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened; and,

On motion by Mr. Withers, at 5 o'clock and 40 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1878.

The bills (H. R. 1582, H. R. 3892, H. R. 5065, H. R. 5066, H. R. 5067 H. R. 5068, H. R. 5070, and H. R. 5071) yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The President *pro tempore* signed the enrolled bills (S. 35 and S. 396) yesterday reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 4104) making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

The House of Representatives has passed without amendment the bill of the Senate (S. 797) for the relief of Acting Master Robert Platt, United States Navy; and

It has passed a joint resolution (H. R. 177) authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to Governor Hubbard, of Texas, such tents, poles, and pins as he may require for the use of the volunteers of the State at their summer encampment; in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed seven enrolled bills (S. 72, S. 82, S. 138, S. 342, S. 644, S. 998, and S. 1033), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Armstrong reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 72. An act for the relief of the heirs of William A. Graham.

S. 82. An act for the relief of Gustav A. Hesselberger.

S. 138. An act for the relief of settlers on the public lands under the pre-emption laws.

S. 342. An act for the relief of Phœbe Henrietta Groesbeck.
S. 644. An act for the relief of Dwight W. Hakes.
S. 998. An act for the relief of George R. Dennis, of Maryland.
S. 1033. An act for the relief of J. C. McBurney.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of manufacturers of and dealers in silk hats, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, praying for the abolition of the duty on "hatters' black silk plush," or its reduction to not more than ten per cent. *ad valorem;* which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented the memorial of H. Hart & Co., and others, citizens of Illinois, remonstrating against the passage of the bill to refund to Miller and Richards the amount of a fine imposed upon them for undervaluation of a lot of goods through the custom-house at San Francisco, California; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Voorhees presented the petition of Ann Dennis, of Terre Haute, Indiana, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Bailey presented the petition of A. D. Wharton, of Nashville, Tennessee, praying for the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Oglesby presented two memorials of H. Hart & Co., of Chicago, Illinois, remonstrating against the passage of the bill to refund to Miller Richards the amount of a fine imposed upon them for the undervaluation of a lot of goods passed through the custom-house at San Francisco, California; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Voorhees presented the petition of Henry P. Gilbert and Riley A. Shinn, sureties on the bond of Charles S. English, late Collector of the Port of Georgetown, District of Columbia, praying to be released from the payment of any balance due by said English to the United States as such collector; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sargent presented the petition of Julius Martin, praying compensation for supplies furnished by him to the California Battalion of Volunteers, under the command of Colonel John C. Fremont, in the year 1847; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Bayard presented the petition of Emma Meenan, widow of Michael Meenen, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter from the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, transmitting, in compliance with the resolution of the Senate of May 20, 1878, information in relation to the assessment of taxes against and the collection of taxes from the several street-railroads in the District of Columbia; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2) releasing C. C. Webb, Ira P. Rankin, and the other sureties on the official bond of Frank Soule, late collector of internal revenue for the first district of California, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 467) thereon.

Mr. Hamlin, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 33) providing for the purchase of six hundred copies of Hickey's Constitution of the United States, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Windom, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was

referred the bill (H. R. 5053) to provide for the expenses of the select committee on alleged frauds in the late Presidential election, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4981) relating to claim agents and attorneys in pension cases, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1090) for the relief of Laurence A. Williams, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 466) thereon.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1285) to amend the act entitled "An act to provide for furnishing trusses to disabled soldiers," approved May 28, 1872, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 464) thereon.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 485) to repeal certain provisions of the acts of Congress making appropriations for the support of the Army, approved June 16, 1874, and March 3, 1875, respectively, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 463) thereon.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1347) to aid in the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River from the military reservation of Fort Snelling, in the State of Minnesota, and granting the right of way through the said reservation, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 461) thereon.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 30) to create a commission to consider the subject of Army reform and reorganization, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Oglesby, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 699) to restore certain lands in Iowa to settlement under the homestead law, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1350) for the relief of Chester A. Arthur, collector of the port of New York, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1268) to authorize the Secretary of War to convey to Jacob A. T. Wendell, Henry Van Allen, and John R. Bailey a part of the military reservation of Fort Mackinac, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 462) thereon.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 627) to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Alfred Roulaud, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 465) thereon.

Mr. Wallace, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 224) for the relief of Thomas A. Nicholson, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1247) for the relief of Mrs. E. H. Powers, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 356) directing method of annual estimates of expenditures to be submitted from Navy Department, and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Maxey,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from

the consideration of the bill (H. R. 3855) for the relief of William A. Mann, and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 34) granting the use of artillery, tents, &c., at the soldiers' reunion to be held at Centerville, Iowa, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 739) for the relief of Henry Plowman, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 469) thereon.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1283) for the relief of James A. Barr, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Hamlin, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill (S. 392) for the relief of Henry B. Brown, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1289) relating to the fees of claim-agents and attorneys in pension cases, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bills (S. 392 and S. 1289) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Blaine, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4867) making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1660) for the relief of Saint Michael's Church, Charleston, South Carolina, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Hamlin, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the memorial of William R. Browne and Thomas Fitch, reported adversely thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of John Edwards, submitted an adverse report (No. 468) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of the legislature of South Carolina in favor of the restoration to that State of the property known as the State Military Academy, submitted a report (No. 460) accompanied by a bill (S. 1352) to restore the property known as the "State Military Academy," or "Citadel," in the city of Charleston, South Carolina, to the State of South Carolina; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Whyte: A bill (S. 1353) for the settlement of the claim of Juliet Leef and John McKee; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Maxey: A bill (S. 1354) to confer upon Army boards of the United States Army, organized by the President to review sentences of courts-martial, authority to compel attendance of witnesses, and to send for persons and papers, as is now given by law to courts-martial, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 1355) for the relief of Riley A. Shinn and Henry P. Gilbert, sureties on the bond of Charles S. English; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Patterson: A bill (S. 1356) to annex certain territory to the Territory of Wyoming; to the Committee on Territories.

By Mr. Sargent: A bill (S. 1357) for the relief of Julius Martin; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Bayard: A bill (S. 1358) granting a pension to Captain George W. Bradford; and

A bill (S. 1359) granting pensions to the widow and minor children of Michael Meenan, deceased; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 1360) for the relief of William M. Maynadier; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 1361) to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Wabash River; to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. Wadleigh submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That one hundred copies of the arguments before the Committee on Privileges and Elections, in the case of Messrs. Corbin and Butler, be printed for the use of the committee.

Mr. Sargent submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That, until otherwise ordered, the morning hour shall be extended each day one half hour.

Mr. Blaine submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Rules and ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That the following be added to the rules of the Senate: All motions relating to the priority of business shall be decided without debate.

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

Ordered, That the select committee on the condition of affairs between the United States and Mexico have leave to sit during the recess of Congress.

The joint resolution (H. R. 177) this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the bill (H. R. 4104) making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and,

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President *pro tempore*, and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Windom, Mr. Allison, and Mr. Eaton.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bills were reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in:

S. 864. A bill to provide for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a military telegraph in Dakota and Montana Territories.

S. 1200. A bill to alter and amend the laws relative to the filing of reports of Pacific Railroad companies, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the bills be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 4874) for the relief of the sureties of John McNellis; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Kirkwood,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1267) fixing the date of commencement of certain pensions and granting arrears in certain cases; and no amendment being made it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 4422) to amend section 4695 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Pensions having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Wallace,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 923) supplementary to the act entitled "An act to carry into effect the convention between the United States and China concluded on the 8th day of November, 1858, at Shanghai," approved March 3, 1859, and to give the Court of Claims jurisdiction in certain cases; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Finance having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

On the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?

Ordered, That that the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution yesterday submitted by him, providing that the daily hour of meeting of the Senate shall be eleven o'clock a. m. until otherwise ordered; and

The resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Hereford that the Senate reconsider its vote postponing indefinitely the bill (H. R. 762) granting a pension to John S. Hall, of West Virginia,

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

On motion by Mr. Hereford,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States has informed the House of Representatives that he approved and signed May, 27, 1878, the following acts:

H. R. 314. An act to confirm the term, for the period of seventeen years from the date of its original grant, of the patent of Thomas A. Weston.

H. R. 3373. An act for the relief of settlers on the public lands under the pre-emption laws.

H. R. 3546. An act to change the name of the steamboat D. A. McDonald to Silver Wave.

H. R. 4549. An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and

He approved and signed, May 31, 1878, the following acts and joint resolutions:

H. R. 4663. An act to forbid the further retirement of United States legal-tender notes.

H .R. 4713. An act supplementary to the act of March 3, 1873, entitled "An act supplemental to the act of February 9, 1821, incorporating Columbian College, District of Columbia."

H. R. 173. Joint resolution granting the use of tents at the soldiers' reunion to be held at Des Moines, Iowa.

H. R. 178. Joint resolution to pay the laborers known as cloak-room men, and to place them on the Doorkeeper's roll; and

He this day approved and signed an act (H. R. 3369) to provide for the publication of notices of contest under the homestead, pre-emption, and tree-culture laws of the United States.

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Anthony in the chair) announced that the morning hour had expired;

When

Mr. Edmunds called for the regular order, viz, the consideration of bills on the Calendar unobjected to.

On motion by Mr. Ferry, to postpone the regular order, and that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 4286) to establish post-routes in the several States herein named,

It was determined in the affirmative; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

The question being on the reported amendment included between sections 38 and 44,

On motion by Mr. Jones, of Florida, to further amend the amendment,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened; and,

On motion by Mr. Teller, at 5 o'clock and 30 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* signed the seven enrolled bills (S. 72, S. 82, S. 138, S. 342, S. 644, S. 998, and S. 1033,) yesterday reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Conkling presented the memorial of J. M. Fiske and Company and other citizens of New York, praying the passage of a law providing for greater telegraphic facilities between the United States and other countries.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Beck presented the petition of Dr. J. F. Stone and other citizens of Calloway County, Kentucky, praying for the establishment of a post-route from Murray, in that State, to New Buffalo, on the Tennessee River; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Beck presented the petition of B. H. Bristow and other citizens of the United States, praying for the passage of a law providing greater telegraphic facilities between the United States and other countries.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Matthews presented the memorial of George W. Davis and other citizens of Ohio, praying for the passage of a law providing greater telegraphic facilities between the United States and other countries.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

Mr. Dawes presented the petition of silk-hat manufacturers of Boston, Massachusetts, praying the abolition of the duty levied on "hatters' black silk plush," or its reduction to not more than ten per centum ad valorem; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter from the Secretary of War, submitting an estimate of the cost of acquiring title to and inclosing lands in which Confederate prisoners of war are buried, and of erecting headstones over their graves; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, recommending an appropriation to be paid as compensation for services rendered the government by the late Professor Joseph Henry, as a member of the Light-House Board; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bayard presented a memorial of Springer, Morley and Gause, and others, remonstrating against the extension of a patent to James D. Sarven, known as the Sarven patent wheel; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Booth, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the petition of Mary Ann Jones, submitted an adverse report (No. 470) thereon, and

The report was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Dawes,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the letter of the Secretary of War, of January 14,

1878, recommending that in case another appropriation is made for the publication of the "official records of the rebellion," provision be made for the rent of an office; and that it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion by Mr. McMillan,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 5063) for the relief of Daniel S. McDougal, and that it be referred to the Committee on Private Land-Claims.

Mr. Booth, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1183) to authorize the extension of the patent of Levin P. Clark, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 762) for the relief of C. T. Eubanks, successor of the firm of Eubanks and Anthony, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 474) thereon.

Mr. Edmunds, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1042) to remove the political disabilities of R. T. Chapman, of Texas, without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bills (S. 762 and S. 1042) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Edmunds, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the following bills, reported them severally without amendment:

S. 1052. A bill to remove the political disabilities of William W. Loring.

H. R. 1897. An act to remove the political disabilities of W. E. Evans, a citizen of Louisiana.

H. R. 3314. An act to remove the political disabilities of John T. Mason, of Maryland.

H. R. 4568. An act to remove the political disabilities of Robert T. Chapman, of Wharton County, Texas.

H. R. 4550. An act to remove the political disabilities of Thomas L. Moore, of the State of Virginia.

H. R. 977. An act to relieve the political disabilities of John Green, senior, of Alabama.

H. R. 1638. An act to remove the political disabilities of Albert Miller Lea, of Navarro County, Texas.

H. R. 3276. An act to remove the political disabilities of William C. Whittle, of Virginia.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 177) authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to Governor Hubbard of Texas, such tents, poles, and pins as he may require for the use of the volunteers of the State at their summer encampment, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Oglesby, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 780) to provide for indemnity due to the several States under the acts of Congress approved March 2, 1855, and March 3, 1857, relating to swamp and overflowed lands, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 861) relating to telegraphic communication between the United States and foreign countries, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Edmunds, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of H. A. Edmonston, reported a bill (S. 1362) for the removal of the political disabilities of H. A. Edmonston of Virginia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Edmunds, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of E. Kirby Smith, of Tennessee, reported a bill (S. 1363) to relieve the political disabilities of E. Kirby Smith, of Tennessee; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Edmunds, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of William P. Smith, reported a bill (S. 1364) to remove the political disabilities of William P. Smith; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the letter of the Secretary of War, of May 24, 1878, transmitting the petition of Lewis Leffman, ordnance sergeant, United States Army, praying for his retirement with the full pay of his grade, submitted a report (No. 471) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1365) to place Lewis Loffman, ordnance sergeant, on the Army retired-list; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Teller, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Robert Spaugh, praying for relief, submitted a report (No. 472) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1366) for the relief of Robert Spaugh; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Dawes, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, reported a bill (S. 1367) to aid in the protection of the public buildings and property against loss or damage by fire; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Thurman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (S. 1368) in relation to the Kansas Pacific Railroad, and to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 35. An act to repeal the bankrupt law.

S. 72. An act for the relief of the heirs of William A. Graham.

S. 82. An act for the relief of Gustav A. Hesselberger.

S. 138. An act for the relief of settlers on the public lands under the pre-emption laws.

S. 342. An act for the relief of Phœbe Henrietta Groesbeck.

S. 396. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to encourage the growth of timber on the western prairies."

S. 644. An act for the relief of Dwight W. Hake.

S. 998. An act for the relief of George R. Dennis, of Maryland.

S. 1033. An act for the relief of J. C. McBurney.

Leave having been obtained, bills and a joint resolution were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Burnside: A bill (S. 1369) to encourage and aid the higher education of the colored race in the District of Columbia and the several States; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. Kirkwood: A bill (S. 1370) for the relief of James M. Bacon; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Kirkwood: A joint resolution (S. 36) authorizing the Secretary of War to deliver to the city of Winterset, Madison County, Iowa, four cannon and carriages for the soldiers' monument in said city; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Matthews rose to a question of privilege, and having addressed the Senate upon the subject of certain statements made elsewhere, calculated to reflect upon his character and standing as a member of the Senate, submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That a select committee of seven Senators be appointed to inquire into and consider all things touching the matter stated and referred to by the Senator from Ohio [Mr. Matthews] and the events connected therewith, and particularly what connection, if any, that Senator had with any real or pretended frauds or other wrongs committed in the conduct and returns of the election in the State of Louisiana in 1876, and with any promises of protection or reward, if any, made by any one to one James E. Anderson, or others, in consideration of, or connection with, any official conduct by said Anderson or others, in relation to said election or the returns thereof; and into all the circumstances of any recommendation by the said Senator of the said Anderson for appointment to office; and that said committee have power to send for persons and papers, to employ a clerk and stenographer, and have leave to sit during the recess.

Ordered, That the committee be appointed by the President *pro tempore*.

Mr. Sargent submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That, until otherwise ordered by the Senate, each morning after the disposal of morning business the Senate will proceed to business on the calendar, and dispose of cases thereon under the Anthony rule, during the remainder of the morning hour.

Mr. Gordon submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Agriculture be requested to submit to the Senate a report embracing such information as he may have obtained by recent circulars issued by him, and otherwise, in relation to sheep-husbandry and wool-production in the Southern States; and that he be further requested to embody in such report a paper on "Sheep-husbandry in the South," prepared by John L. Hayes, secretary of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, at the request of Hon. Alexander H. Stephens and others.

Mr. Sargent, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 3974) making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1879, submitted the following report:

The committee on conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 3974) making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective Houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 1 and 2.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments numbered 3, 4, 5, and 6, and agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments

numbered 7, 8, and 9, and agree to the same with an amendment striking out section 2 of the bill; and the Senate agree to the same.

A. A. SARGENT,
S. W. DORSEY,
W. W. EATON,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
A. HERR SMITH,
ABRAM S. HEWITT,
WM. A. J. SPARKS,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution of the House (H. R. 153) providing for issue of arms to Territories; and

It has passed, without amendment, the following bills of the Senate:

S. 330. An act explanatory of section 1889 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and to ratify and confirm certain Territorial legislation, and for other purposes.

S. 380. An act to provide for circuit and district courts of the United States at Toledo, Ohio.

S. 766. An act to legalize certain patents issued to members of the Pottawatomie tribe of Indians.

S. 1174. An act for the relief of Nannie Hall.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 216. An act to limit the time within which suits on official bonds shall be brought, and providing for notice to sureties thereon.

H. R. 431. An act to provide for the holding of terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

H. R. 2019. An act to exempt employés in the postal service from militia and jury service.

H. R. 2319. An act to provide for the appointment of a district judge for the western district of Tennessee, and for other purposes.

H. R. 3167. An act exempting municipal and county buildings, used as such, from levy and sale.

H. R. 3895. An act to amend section 349 of the Revised Statutes, and for other purposes.

H. R. 3980. An act to confirm the title to the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 7, township 81 north, range 4 east of the fifth principal meridian, Clinton County, Iowa.

H. R. 3988. An act to organize the life-saving service.

H. R. 4024. An act to provide for the holding of a term of the district court of the United States at the city of Charlotte, North Carolina.

H. R. 4196. An act relating to the election of Representatives from North Carolina to the Forty-sixth Congress.

H. R. 4931. An act to provide for the election of Representatives to the Forty-sixth Congress in the State of West Virginia.

H. R. 4989. An act to amend section 2517 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

H. R. 5124. An act designating the times for the election of Representa-

tives to the Forty-sixth and succeeding Congresses from the State of Colorado.

H. R. 5126. An act to establish a western division of the southern judicial district of Mississippi.

H. R. 169. Joint resolution authorizing the payments of the accounts of Lieutenant James T. Leavy, an insane officer.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed four enrolled bills (S. 134, H. R. 1896, H. R. 3969, and H. R. 4988), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Armstrong reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 134. An act making further appropriations for continuing the improvements of Galveston Harbor, State of Texas.

H. R. 1896. An act for the relief of Nancy A. Herrick, of Rochester, New York.

H. R. 3969. An act regulating the appointment of justices of the peace, commissioners of deeds, and constables within and for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

H. R. 4988. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to constitute superintendents of mints or assayers in assay offices assistant treasurers of the United States.

The President *pro tempore* signed the four enrolled bills (S. 134, H. R. 1896, H. R. 3969, and H. R. 4988), last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

H. R. 888. An act for the relief of James McGregor.

H. R. 1855. An act for the relief of John C. Ray.

H. R. 3284. An act for the relief of James Johnson, late collector of the port of Savannah.

H. R. 4556. An act for the relief of F. W. Golladay.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the the following bills; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bills were severally reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in:

S. 763. A bill to provide for holding term of the circuit and district courts in the district of Colorado.

S. 793. A bill for the relief of Edwin R. Clarke.

S. 1350. A bill for the relief of Chester A. Arthur, collector of the port of New York.

Ordered, That the bills be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Allison,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the

bill (S. 984) for the relief of William H. Merritt; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bills and joint resolution last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 216, H. R. 431, H. R. 2019, H. R. 2319, H. R. 3167, H. R. 3895, H. R. 4024, and H. R. 5126 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that the bills H. R. 3988 and H. R. 4989 be referred to the Committee on Commerce; that the bill H. R. 3980 be referred to the Committee on Public Lands; that the bills H. R. 4196, H. R. 5124, and H. R. 4931 be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections; and that the joint resolution H. R. 169 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the bill (S. 1016) to provide for the distribution of the awards made under the convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico, concluded on the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, having signed ten enrolled bills (S. 330, S. 380, S. 766, S. 797, S. 1174, H. R. 888, H. R. 1855, H. R. 3284, H. R. 4556, and H. R. 4874) and an enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 153), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolution:

S. 330. An act explanatory of section 1889 of the Revised Statutes of the United States and to ratify and confirm certain territorial legislation, and for other purposes.

S. 380. An act to provide for circuit and district courts of the United States at Toledo, Ohio.

S. 766. An act to legalize certain patents issued to members of the Pottawatomie tribe of Indians.

S. 797. An act for the relief of Acting Master Robert Platt, United States Navy.

S. 1174. An act for the relief of Nannie Hall.

H. R. 888. An act for the relief of James McGregor.

H. R. 1855. An act for the relief of John C. Ray.

H. R. 3284. An act for the relief of James Johnson, late collector of the port of Savannah.

H. R. 4556. An act for the relief of F. W. Golladay.

H. R. 4874. An act for the relief of the sureties of John McNellis.

H. R. 153. Joint resolution providing for issue of arms to Territories.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 942) amendatory of and supplementary to the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Texas Pacific Railroad Company, and to aid in the construction of its road, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1871, and the several acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 4286) to establish post-routes in the several States therein named; and,

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Jones, of Florida, to that portion of the last reported amendment included between sections 38 and 44,

After debate,

It was determined in the negative.

The reported amendment having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Burnside,

On motion by Mr. Eaton to further amend the amendment by striking out, in line 20, page 93, the word "thirty," and in lieu thereof inserting the word *ten*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 19 / Nays 28

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Beck, Booth, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Davis of Illinois, Dennis, Eaton, Hereford, Howe, Kernan, McDonald, McMillan, Merrimon, Oglesby, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Whyte.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Barnum, Blaine, Burnside, Butler, Coke, Conkling, Conover, Dawes, Dorsey, Ferry, Gordon, Hamlin, Hill, Hoar, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Rollins, Spencer, Windom, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The reported amendment having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Eaton, the motion of Mr. Gordon, the motion of Mr. Bailey, and the motion of Mr. Ferry,

On the question to agree to the same as amended,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Ferry, the motion of Mr. Gordon, and the motion of Mr. Blaine, was reported to the Senate.

On the question to concur in the following amendment made in Committee of the Whole, viz: Insert as additional sections the following:

SEC. 38. *That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to establish direct mail communication semi-monthly between the United States and the Empire of Brazil by means of two monthly lines of first-class sea-going steamships; the first of the said monthly lines of steamships to ply between the city of New York, in the United States, and the city of Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil, to touch at Norfolk, Virginia, Saint Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, and Bahia, both going and returning; the second of said monthly lines of steamships to ply between the city of New Orleans, in the United States, and the city of Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil, touching, both going and returning, at Galveston, and at such ports in the United States, the West Indies, and Brazil as the Postmaster-General may deem necessary and expedient; it being the true intent and meaning of this act that by the first day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, service on both of said routes described in this section shall be established to make this act effectual as to either of them from and after that date, and unless service shall be so established on both of said lines on said last-named date, then the contract with the New York line shall be annulled forthwith.*

SEC. 39. *To establish said semi-monthly mail communication between the two countries, the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized and directed to invite proposals for said mail steamship service by proper public advertisement in one newspaper published in each of the cities of New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Baltimore, New Orleans, and Boston, and to contract with the lowest responsible bidder who shall possess the means to furnish the steamships required for the service, and who shall give good and responsible sureties for the faithful performance of the service under such contract. The two lines shall be contracted for separately, and each shall make monthly trips, that is to say, twelve round voyages per annum; the dates of departure of the steamships of the said two lines, from the cities of New York and New Orleans, to be regulated and determined by the Postmaster-General, so that said dates may be two weeks apart, as nearly as practicable: Provided, That separate contracts shall be made by the bidders for each of the two lines, and that the Postmaster-General shall not accept any bid in excess of thirty dollars per mile per annum for each line for the distance between the termini of the routes respectively, which distance shall not be estimated nor paid for at more than five thousand miles for each of said routes. Said contract for each of said lines shall be for the term of five years, to begin with each line from the day on which the first steamship, as above described, of said line, may depart from the city of New York or the city of New Orleans, with the mails for Brazil; and the first departure of a steamship of the first line shall not be later than the first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and the first departure of a steamship of the second line shall not be later than the first day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy nine.*

SEC. 40. *The steamships contracted for and furnished for said mail service shall be of not less than three thousand tons burden, American built and owned, and constructed of iron, after the best models, equipped with all modern improvements and approved appliances adapted for sea-going steamships of the first class, and shall be capable of making thirteen nautical miles per hour, and to be so constructed as to be readily adapted to the armed naval service of the United States in case of war; and before their acceptance by the Postmaster-General they shall be subject to inspection and survey by an experienced naval constructor, to be detailed for that purpose by the Secretary of the Navy, and whose report shall be made to the Postmaster-General.*

SEC. 41. *That the government shall be entitled to have transported, with the fare and accommodation of a first-class passenger, free of expense, on each and every steamer of said two lines engaged in this service, a mail-agent to take charge of and arrange the mail-matter, to whom suitable accommodation for that purpose shall be given.*

SEC. 42. *That in case of failure from any cause to perform any of the regular monthly voyages stipulated for in the contracts, a pro rata reduction shall be made from the compensation on account of such omitted voyage or voyages; and suitable fines and penalties may be imposed for delays and irregularities in the performance of the service according to the contracts. And in case of such failure of such regular voyages for a period of sixty consecutive days, every such contract shall absolutely cease and determine, and no further payments shall be made upon said contracts, and no renewal or revival thereof shall be allowed,*

SEC. 43. *The said steamships shall at all times be subject to the use of the government at reasonable rates of charter-party therefor.*

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas 26
Nays 18

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Barnum, Blaine, Burnside, Coke, Conover, Dawes, Dorsey, Ferry, Gordon, Hamlin, Hill, Hoar, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Lamar, Maxey, Mitchell, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Rollins, Spencer, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Beck, Booth, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Dennis, Eaton, Kernan, McDonald, McMillan, Merrimon, Oglesby, Ransom, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh.

So the amendment was concurred in.

The residue of the amendments made in Committee of the Whole having been concurred in,

On motion by Mr. Christiancy to further amend the bill by inserting at the end of section 11 the following words:

Provided, That the President and Vice-President of the United States, Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress, the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives may send or receive free through the mails written or printed communications not exceeding two ounces in weight; and the name of the President and Vice-President, and of each Senator, Representative, Delegate, Secretary of the Senate, or Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be written on all letters or communications which they shall respectively send through the mails,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 20 / Nays..... 20

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Blaine, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Conover, Dawes, Dennis, Dorsey, Gordon, Hamlin, Hill, Hoar, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Mitchell, Spencer, Teller, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Eaton, Ferry, Hereford, Kernan, Maxey, Merrimon, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

An amendment to the eleventh section of the bill having been proposed by Mr. Paddock, and the same having been amended on the motion of Mr. Spencer,

On the question to agree to the amendment as amended as follows, viz: Insert at the end of section 11 the following words:

Provided, That the President and Vice-President of the United States, Senators, Representatives, and Delegates in Congress, the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives may send free through the mails written or printed communications not exceeding two ounces and a half in weight, and the name of the President and Vice-President, and of each Senator, Representative, Delegate, Secretary of the Senate, or Clerk of the House of Representatives shall be written on all letters or communications which they shall respectively send through the mails,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 20 / Nays..... 19

On motion by Mr. Kernan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Blaine, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Conover,

Dawes, Dennis, Dorsey, Gordon, Hamlin, Hill, Hoar, Kellogg, Lamar, Paddock, Spencer, Teller, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Ferry, Hereford, Kernan, Maxey, Merrimon, Oglesby, Plumb, Rollins, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh.

So the amendment was agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed,

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 24 / Nays 15

On motion by Mr. Kernan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Barnum, Blaine, Burnside, Coke, Conover, Dawes, Dennis, Dorsey, Ferry, Gordon, Hamlin, Hill, Hoar, Kellogg, Maxey, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Spencer, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Beck, Booth, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Hereford, Kernan, McMillan, Merrimon, Oglesby, Ransom, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act to establish post-routes, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Sargent, at 9 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Senate, announcing the death of William J. McDonald, late chief clerk.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to pay, out of the contingent fund of the Senate, to the legal representatives of the late William J. McDonald, chief clerk of the Senate, three hundred dollars for the funeral expenses of the deceased, and a further allowance equal to three months of his annual pay.

Mr. Bayard subsequently submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That to-morrow at half past one o'clock the Senate take a recess of two hours to enable its members to attend the funeral of the late chief clerk, W. J. McDonald, at the Church of the Epiphany.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 1016) to provide for the distribution of the awards made under the convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico, concluded on the 4th day of July, 1868; and,

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois,

Resolved, That the Senate disagree to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The President *pro tempore* signed the ten enrolled bills (S. 330, S. 380, S. 766, S. 797, S. 1174, H. R. 888, H. R. 1855, H. R. 3284, H. R. 4556, and H. R. 4874) and the enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 153), and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Harris presented the memorial of Collin Adams and William D. Weatherid, administrators of the estate of Lucy V. Adams, deceased, praying compensation for certain cotton alleged to have been seized and appropriated by United States military forces during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Dawes presented the petition of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, praying an appropriation for the purpose of continuing the board appointed for testing iron, steel, and other metals; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Wallace presented the memorial of The Friends of Peace of Philadelphia, remonstrating against the transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War Department; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Ferry, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, presented a letter from Gardner G. Hubbard, chairman of the special commission on railway mail transportation, addressed to that committee, asking an appropriation for the payment of the salaries and expenses of the commission; which was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion by Mr. Dawes,

Ordered, That R. B. Forbes have leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate his memorial and papers.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 330. An act explanatory of section 1889 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and to ratify and confirm certain Territorial legislation, and for other purposes.

S. 380. An act to provide for circuit and district courts of the United States at Toledo, Ohio.

S. 766. An act to legalize certain patents issued to members of the Pottawatomie tribe of Indians.

S. 797. An act for the relief of Acting Master Robert Platt, United States Navy.

S. 1174. An act for the relief of Nannie Hall.

Mr. Patterson, from the Committee on Territories, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That for the purpose of completing the inquiry ordered by the following resolution of the Senate—

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,
February 25, 1878.

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

Resolved by the Senate, That the Committee on Territories be, and the same is hereby, instructed to ascertain, at its earliest convenience, whether or not the railroad companies referred to by the acts of the Thirty-ninth Congress, approved respectively July 25, 26, and 27, 1866,

and entitled respectively, "An act granting lands to the State of Kansas to aid in the construction of the Kansas and Neosho Valley Railroad and its extension to Red River"; "An act granting lands to the State of Kansas to aid in the construction of a southern branch of the Union Pacific Railway and Telegraph, from Fort Riley, Kansas, to Fort Smith, Arkansas"; and "An act granting land to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the States of Missouri and Arkansas to the Pacific coast," have issued bonds of any kind, predicated upon the conditional land-grants of the lands of the Indians of the Indian Territory claimed by said companies under said acts. If it be ascertained that such bonds have been issued, then it shall be the duty of said committee to ascertain in whose possession the bonds are and for what purpose.

Resolved further, That said committee be instructed to ascertain what amount of money has been expended by the several Indian tribes of the Indian Territory in support of delegates to Washington during the past five years and in opposing the organization of a civil government over said Territory; and whether any of such money has been taken from the school-funds of any such tribes; and, if so, what legislation is necessary to prevent, in future, the diversion of such school-funds from their legitimate purposes.

Resolved further, That said committee be instructed to ascertain whether a civil form of government cannot be organized over the Indian Territory for the better protection of life and property; and whether the lands now held in common by said Indian tribes cannot be divided in severalty among the Indians without confirming the conditional grants of lands to certain railroad corporations.

Resolved further, That said committee, in the discharge of its duties aforesaid, be authorized to send for persons and papers, to employ a stenographer, and, when necessary, to compel the attendance of witnesses in its investigation, and to report the result of said investigation to this body during the present session of Congress.

Attest:

GEO. C. GORHAM,
Secretary.

—the subcommittee, to whom has been referred the above inquiry by the Committee on Territories, be authorized to sit during the recess of the Senate, and to employ a clerk and a stenographer, and to send for persons and papers, and to proceed to the Indian Territory for the purpose of taking testimony; and that the necessary expenses be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers to be approved by the chairman of the committee; and that the chairman of the committee be authorized to fill any vacancy that may occur in case any member of the subcommittee may be unable to attend.

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the following bills, and that they be referred to the Committee on Claims:

H. R. 4327. An act for the relief of certain laborers upon the government works.

S. 1353. A bill for the settlement of the claim of Juliet Leef and John McKee.

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

Ordered, That the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 4200) relating

to the national road in the State of Maryland, and to give consent of the United States to a certain act of the general assembly of Maryland in relation to said road; and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 36) authorizing the Secretary of War to deliver to the city of Winterset, Madison County, Iowa, four cannon and carriages for the soldiers' monument in said city, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Patterson, from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1356) to annex certain territory to the Territory of Wyoming, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom were referred the following bills, reported them without amendment:

S. 95. A bill authorizing the construction of a first-class light-house on Tillamook Head, Oregon.

H. R. 3978. An act to authorize the Barataria Ship-Canal Company to construct and operate a ship-canal from New Orleans to the Gulf of Mexico through the lands and waters of the United States, and to grant to said company the right of way for that purpose.

Mr. Dorsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1238) to levy a tax on the sale of spirituous and malt liquors in bar-rooms and all places where intoxicants are sold by the drink in the District of Columbia, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 475) thereon.

Mr. Conover, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1966) for the relief of J. H. Duncan, postmaster at Elberton, Georgia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Conover, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 234) for the relief of John F. Andrews, postmaster at Washington, Georgia, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Ferry, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5052) to amend section 3835 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 82) for the relief of Alexander Anderson, late first lieutenant Fourteenth New York Volunteer Cavalry, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Allison, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1226) to provide for the payment of interest due the Chickasaw Nation, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 476) thereon; and,

On motion by Mr. Allison,

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3257) for the relief of William H. Merritt, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 477) thereon.

On motion by Mr. McMillan that the Senate reconsider its vote on the passage of the bill (S. 984) for the relief of William H. Merritt,

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Blaine, from the Committee on Rules, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That, for the remainder of this session, all motions relating to the priority of business shall be decided without debate.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution; and,

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Bayard,

On motion by Mr. Hamlin to amend the amendment,

After debate,

Ordered, That the resolution be recommitted to the Committee on Rules.

Mr. Thurman, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1337) creating a board to be known as "The Pacific Railroad Commissioners," reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Oglesby, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3980) to confirm the title to the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 7, township 81 north, range 4, east of the fifth principal meridian, Clinton County, Iowa, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 5066) authorizing the Solicitor of the Treasury, by and with the consent of the Secretary of War, to cancel certain contracts for the sale of lots of land made at Harper's Ferry in the year 1869 by the United States, to resell the same, and sell or lease all other real estate and riparian rights now owned by the United States at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, and that it be referred to the Committee on Claims.

Leave having been obtained, bills and a joint resolution were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Conover: A bill (S. 1371) to provide for carrying ocean mails in American steamships; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Howe: A bill (S. 1372) to incorporate "The United States Railway Mail Service Mutual Benefit Association"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Wallace: A bill (S. 1373) for the relief of Joseph C. Hess; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Merrimon: A joint resolution (S. 37) authorizing the Secretary of War to deliver to the governor of North Carolina such tents, poles, and pins as he may require for the use of the volunteers of the State at their summer encampment; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution yesterday submitted by him, providing for the consideration of the Calendar after the conclusion of morning business to the expiration of the morning hour; and

The resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Anthony that the letter of the Secretary of War, communicating the ninth report upon the improvement of the South Pass of the Mississippi River, be printed.

Ordered, That the motion be referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion by Mr. Howe,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 861) relating to telegraphic communication between the United States and foreign countries; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Foreign Relations having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.
Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the resolution of the House providing for the printing of 300,000 copies of the report of the Commissioner of Agriculture for 1877.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 3974) making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1879.

The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the joint resolution (S. 34) granting the use of artillery, tents, and so forth, to the soldiers' reunion to be held at Centreville, Iowa; and

It has passed the bill (S. 1208) authorizing the publication for sale of an edition of the Narrative of the Polaris Expedition, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives has disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 4246) making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes. It asks a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Blount, Mr. Clymer, and Mr. Baker managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives insists upon its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 4104) making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes. It agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Atkins, Mr. Durham, and Mr. Foster managers at the same on its part.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1285) to amend the act entitled "An act to provide for furnishing trusses to disabled soldiers," approved May 28, 1872; and the first amendment reported by the Committee on Military Affairs having been agreed on the motion of Mr. Sargent, was agreed to.

The residue of the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. McMillan,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1347) to aid in the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River from the military reservation of Fort Snelling, in the State of Minnesota, and granting the right of way through said reservation; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Military Affairs having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. McMillan, was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bill and joint resolution; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate:

H. R. 1660. An act for the relief of Saint Michael's church, Charleston, South Carolina.

H. R. 177. Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to Governor Hubbard, of Texas, such tents, poles, and pins as he may require for the use of the volunteers of the State at their summer encampment.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bill and resolution were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the bill of the House (H. R. 4246) making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and,

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agree to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Sargent, and Mr. Withers.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills (H. R. 1660 and H. R. 3974), and an enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 177), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolution:

H. R. 1660. An act for the relief of Saint Michael's Church, Charleston, South Carolina.

H. R. 3974. An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1879.

H. R. 177. Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to Governor Hubbard, of Texas, such tents, poles, and pins as he may require for the use of the volunteers of the State at their summer encampment.

The President *pro tempore* signed the two enrolled bills (H. R. 1660 and H. R. 3974) and the enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 177), last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Spencer that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 4236) making appropriations for the construction,

repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 24 / Nays 35

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are.

Messrs. Allison, Barnum, Bruce, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Cockrell, Dennis, Dorsey, Howe, Kellogg, Kirkwood, Lamar, McMillan, Matthews, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Ransom, Spencer, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Coke, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Eaton, Edmunds, Hamlin, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Hoar, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Oglesby, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Teller, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Blaine that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 4867) making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 36 / Nays 23

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Edmunds, Hamlin, Hill, Hoar, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kernan, Kirkwood, McMillan, Maxey, Morrill, Patterson, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Spencer, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Dennis, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Ingalls, McCreery, McDonald, Merrimon, Oglesby, Paddock, Ransom, Voorhees, Wallace, Withers.

So the motion was agreed to, and

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and

On the question to agree to the following amendment reported by the Committee on Appropriations, viz:

After the word "twenty" in line 13, page 1, insert *five*,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 39 / Nays 19

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Coke, Conkling, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Dennis, Dorsey, Edmunds, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Kernan, Kirkwood, McMillan, Maxey, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Spencer, Teller, Wadleigh, Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Beck, Cockrell, Eaton, Eustis, Harris, Hereford, Hill,

Johnston, Jones of Florida, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, Merrimon, Ransom, Saulsbury, Thurman, Voorhees, Withers.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The reported amendments having been further agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Blaine, the motion of Mr. Spencer, and the motion of Mr. Burnside,

On motion by Mr. Bayard to further amend the bill by striking out all after the word "that," in section 28, and in lieu thereof inserting certain words,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Blaine, and by unanimous consent,

Ordered, That the Senate reconsider its vote agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Burnside; and

The question recurring on agreeing to the said amendment,

On motion by Mr. Blaine to amend the amendment,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent, at 5 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1878.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 1203) authorizing the publication of a new edition of the Narrative of the Polaris Expedition; and,

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Matthews presented the memorial of the New York Yearly Meeting of Friends, remonstrating against the passage of the bill (S. 1124) for the relief of the Winnebago Indians in Wisconsin; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Dawes presented a resolution of Kendall Council No. 13, Sovereigns of Industry, of the District of Columbia, in favor of the passage of a law providing for the appointment of a coal-weigher, and requiring coal-dealers to send the certificate of such coal-weigher with each load of coal sold; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Harris presented resolutions of the Memphis Cotton Exchange against an extension of Frederick Cook's patent for cotton-bale ties, and also against the further extension of any patent on cotton-bale ties; which were referred to the Committee on Patents.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Senate, stating that he had been served with a subpœna to appear before a special committee of the House of Representatives and to bring with him certain books and papers in his custody as Secretary of the Senate, and asking instructions as to his duty in this and any similar cases that may hereafter arise; whereupon

Mr. Edmunds submitted the following order; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Ordered, That, reserving all questions touching the regularity of the

action of the committee of the House of Representatives in calling for the papers, the Secretary of the Senate attend before the committee of the House of Representatives mentioned in the letter of the Secretary, with the papers desired by said committee, and submit said papers to the examination of said committee from time to time, according to its convenience, retaining, however, the custody of said papers.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter from the president of the Columbia Railway Company, transmitting, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of May 31, 1878, a statement of the amount of the capital stock, the amount of the indebtedness, gross and net earnings, operating expenses, &c., of said company; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia and ordered to be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter from the president of the Anacostia and Potomac River Railway Company, transmitting, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of May 31, 1878, a statement of the amount of the capital stock, the amount of the indebtedness, gross and net earnings, operating expenses, &c., of said company; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia and ordered to be printed.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin,

Ordered, That twenty-five copies of the report of the Committee on Claims on the claim of Benjamin Holladay be printed for the use of said committee.

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Claims be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution of the legislature of California, and the petition of citizens of Decatur, Illinois, in favor of an increase of the appropriation for arming and equipping the militia of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Plumb,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Alexander Montgomery.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1192) to authorize the leasing of a portion of the military reservation of New San Diego, in the State of California, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 482) thereon.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 169) authorizing the payments of the accounts of Lieutenant James T. Leavy, an insane officer, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1244) for the relief of George Williams, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 483) thereon.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3576) granting a pension to Catherine D. Hunt, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 484) thereon.

Mr. Hereford, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was recommitted the bill (H. R. 762) granting a pension to John S. Hall, of West Virginia, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 752) for the relief of W. H. Newman and L. A. Van Hoffman, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 486) thereon.

Mr. Teller, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 530) for the relief of Alexander Davis, of Conway County,

Arkansas, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 479) thereon.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1341) to declare the true intent and meaning of title 2, chapter 1, section 14 of the Revised Statutes, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 485) thereon.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3289) for the relief of William J. Alexander, of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 478) thereon.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4393) granting a pension to Mrs. Sidney A. Harrison, reported it without amendment and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bills (S. 530, S. 1341, H. R. 3289, and H. R. 4393) as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Patterson, from the Committee on Territories, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1217) to amend section 1924 of the Revised Statutes, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 720) for the relief of John Eaton, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 480) thereon.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2396) for the relief of John E. Williamson, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 481) thereon.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Hamlin: A bill (S. 1374) authorizing the chancellor of the Smithsonian Institution to appoint an acting secretary in certain cases; to a select committee to consist of the three Senators who are regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

By Mr. Patterson: A bill (S. 1375) to enable the Postmaster-General further to protect the revenues of his department; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A bill (S. 1376) appropriating money to compensate Fisk Mills, sculptor, for the plaster model of General Rawlins; to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Plumb: A bill (S. 1377) granting a pension to Wiley Britton; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Bayard: A bill (S. 1378) to amend sections 2770 and 2774 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, so as to allow change of destination of vessel and cargo; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 1379) granting a pension to B. F. Mullen; to the Committee on Pensions.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 35. An act to repeal the bankrupt law.

S. 134. An act making further appropriations for continuing the improvements of Galveston Harbor, State of Texas.

S. 363. An act granting a pension to James Newcomb.

S. 797. An act for the relief of Acting Master Robert Platt, United States Navy.

S. 874. An act granting a pension to Alfred Richardson, late of Company A, Twelfth Indiana Volunteers.

S. 1174. An act for the relief of Nannie Hall.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The morning business having been concluded, the President *pro tempore* announced the regular order to be the consideration of bills on the Calendar unobjected to, under the resolution of the Senate agreed to yesterday; and

On motion by Mr. Patterson to postpone the regular order, and that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the resolution yesterday reported by him from the Committee on Territories, authorizing the subcommittee of the Committee on Territories engaged in investigating the subject of the issue of bonds by certain railroad companies upon land-grants in the Indian Territory to sit during the recess of Congress,

Pending debate,

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 4867) making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Blaine to the amendment of Mr. Burnside,

Mr. Blaine withdrew his amendment to the amendment.

The question recurring on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Burnside,

Pending debate,

The hour of 1 o'clock and 30 minutes p. m. having arrived,

The Senate, in pursuance of its order of yesterday, took a recess until half past three o'clock p. m.

AT HALF PAST THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill H. R. 4867; and

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Burnside,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Blaine, from the Committee on Appropriations,

On the question to agree to the last reported amendment, viz, strike out the twenty-ninth section of the bill,

On motion by Mr. Bayard to amend the section proposed to be stricken out,

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Hill to further amend the section,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Morrill, at 5 o'clock and 47 minutes, that the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 30 / Nays..... 23

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Butler,

Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Dawes, Eaton, Ferry, Grover, Harris, Hill, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McMillan, Matthews, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morrill, Ransom, Voorhees, Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bailey, Blaine, Bruce, Burnside, Coke, Eustis, Gordon, Hamlin, Hereford, Hoar, Ingalls, Maxey, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Windom, Withers.

So the motion was agreed to, and

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1878.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of citizens of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, praying the passage of a law providing for ocean mail steamship service between the United States and Mexico, South and Central America, and other foreign countries; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Paddock presented a memorial of citizens of Knox County, Nebraska, remonstrating against the permanent location of the Santee Sioux Indians in that county, and praying for their removal therefrom to the Old Ponca reservation; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Gordon presented a petition of citizens of Georgia, praying for the establishment of a post-route from Swainsborough, in Emanuel County, to Perry's Mills, in Tattnall County, in that State; which was referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 330. An act explanatory of section 1889 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and to ratify and confirm certain Territorial legislation, and for other purposes.

S. 380. An act to provide for circuit and district courts of the United States at Toledo, Ohio.

S. 1033. An act for the relief of J. C. McBurney.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Bailey,

Ordered, That the Committee on Pensions be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Mary Lavalette and the petition of Mary Byrd Dallas.

Mr. Paddock, from the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Gordon on the 5th instant, calling for information relative to sheep-husbandry and wool-production in the Southern States, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the resolution, as amended, was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Agriculture be requested to submit to the Senate a report embracing such information as he may have obtained by recent circulars issued by him, and otherwise, in relation to sheep-husbandry and wool-production in the United States; and that he be further requested to embody in such report a paper on "Sheep-husbandry in the South," prepared by Mr. John L. Hayes, secretary of

the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, at the request of Hon. Alexander H. Stephens and others.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4931) to provide for the election of Representatives to the Forty-sixth Congress in the State of West Virginia, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1312) relating to the election of Representatives to the Forty-sixth Congress in the State of North Carolina, and the election of a Senator in the State of New Hampshire, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Wadleigh, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom were referred the following bills, reported them without amendment:

H. R. 4519. An act fixing the time for holding the election for Representatives to the Forty-sixth Congress of the United States in and for the State of California.

H. R. 5124. An act designating the times for the election of Representatives to the Forty-sixth and succeeding Congresses from the State of Colorado.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 636) granting a pension to Oliver H. Irons, late sergeant Company D, Twenty-third Michigan Volunteers, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 487) thereon.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4075) granting a pension to Ezra O. Nye, Company K, Nineteenth Michigan Volunteers, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 488) thereon.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4374) granting a pension to Sarah J. Goss, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 489) thereon.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred papers relating to the application of Josiah Kellogg for a pension, submitted a report (No. 490), accompanied by a bill (S. 1380) granting a pension to Josiah Kellogg; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1026) granting a pension to Ben Alsop, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 931) granting a pension to James Shields, reported the same with a recommendation that the Senate agree thereto.

Mr. Hamlin, from the select committee to whom was referred the bill (S. 1374) authorizing the chancellor of the Smithsonian Institution to appoint an acting secretary in certain cases, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1348) to restore the name of Jesse Stallings, of Butler County, Alabama, to the pension-list, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 492) thereon.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 477) granting a pension to Anna Koeninger, widow of Louis Koeninger, late private Second Indiana Battery, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 493) thereon.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1141) granting the right of way through the military reservation at Fort Yuma to the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 491) thereon.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 44) granting additional pension to John F. Chase, of Saybrook, Connecticut, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Rollins: A bill (S. 1381) providing for the settlement of outstanding claims against the District of Columbia; to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

By Mr. Beck: A bill (S. 1382) for the relief of Charles P. Birkett; to the Committee on Appropriations.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 3259) providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia.

The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the bill of the Senate (S. 1272) to amend section 4127 of the Revised Statutes the United States, in relation to the judicial powers and functions of consuls.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled joint resolution (S. 34), I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Armstrong reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the joint resolution (S. 34) granting the use of artillery, tents, &c., at the soldiers' reunion to be held at Centerville, Iowa.

Mr. Spencer submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Resolved, In order that all the facts connected with the Presidential election of 1876, and the result thereof which was finally reached, may be made fully known to the American people, that a select committee of eight Senators be appointed and instructed to inquire into and investigate all charges of fraud, illegality, intimidation, violence, and other obstacles to free and honest suffrage, occurring at said election in the States of South Carolina, Florida, and Louisiana, and also into all *similar* charges which said committee may deem of sufficient gravity

concerning the said election in Alabama, Mississippi, Oregon, or any other State; also into all circumstances which they may deem expedient to investigate connected with the Presidential electoral count in the Forty-fourth Congress; also into the circumstances of the dissolution of the legislature and government in the State of Louisiana, known as the Packard government, and the establishment of the legislature and government known as the Nicholls government, and to ascertain whether or not such dissolution of the one government and the establishment of the other was in consequence of any acts or transactions occurring prior to March 4, 1877, and through what persons or agencies, if any, such result was accomplished. And that said committee have power to appoint subcommittees, employ clerks and stenographers, to administer oaths, to send for persons and papers, to examine witnesses and sit during the recess, with all powers of a full committee of the Senate; and that the expenses thereof be paid from the contingent fund of the Senate.

Mr. Merrimon submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War communicate to the Senate all such information as may be in the War Office in relation to when the government took possession of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad, the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, and the North Carolina Railroad; how long the government had possession of the same, what rates of fares and freight it established, and what were the gross receipts of money received on account of freights and fares from and after the 1st day of May, A. D. 1865.

Mr. Windom, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 2507) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 2507) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 2, 4, 5, 6, and 11.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments numbered 1, 3, 7, 9, 10, 12, and 13, and agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 8, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows: In lieu of the sum proposed insert *twelve thousand dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the House to the amendment numbered 14, and agree to said House amendment amended as follows: Insert after the word "that" in the first line of the section proposed to be restored by said House amendment the following: *from and after July first, eighteen hundred and eighty-two;* and that the House agree to the same.

WM. WINDOM,
J. G. BLAINE,
R. E. WITHERS,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
M. J. DURHAM,
HIESTER CLYMER,
A. HERR SMITH,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and,

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Ingalls, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the joint resolution (H. R. 152) to enable the joint commission to carry into effect the act of Congress providing for the completion of the Washington Monument, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendment of the Senate to the joint resolution (H. R. 152) to enable the joint commission to carry into effect the act of Congress providing for the completion of the Washington Monument, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendment to the resolution as passed by the House; and that the House agree to the same.

J. J. INGALLS,
J. B. EUSTIS,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
CHAS. FOSTER,
JOHN GOODE,
Managers on the part of the House.

Mr. Dorsey, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 3259) providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses upon the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 3259) providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia, having met, after a full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate, and agree to the same with the following amendments:

Page 1, line 15, insert after the word "Army" the following: *whose lineal rank shall be above that of captain.*

Page 2, line 25, strike out the words "one year" and insert *three years.*

Page 3, line 62, strike out all after the word "power" to and including the word "and," in line 64.

Page 3, line 78, insert after the word "law" the following words: *Said commissioners shall have power to erect, light, and maintain lamp-posts with lamps outside of the city limits when in their judgment it shall be deemed proper or necessary.*

Page 4, line 87, strike out the word "eighty" and insert the word *seventy-nine.*

Page 4, line 109, strike out the word "they" and insert the word *Congress.*

Page 5, line 123, insert after the word "property" the following: *held and used exclusively for agricultural purposes.*

Page 5, line 126, strike out all after the word "dollars" to and including the word "taxes" where it first occurs in line 130.

Page 5, line 133, strike out the word "ten" and insert the word *thirty.*

Page 7, line 158, strike out all after the word "payable" down to and including the word "States," in line 161.

Page 7, line 161, strike all after the word "pay" to and including the word "fund," in line 162.

Page 7, line 164, strike out all after the word "provided," where it first occurs, to and including the word "seventy-five," in line 171.

Page 8, line 191, strike out the words "and all contracts" and insert the following: *All contracts for the construction, improvement, alteration, or repairs of the streets, avenues, highways, alleys, gutters, sewers, and all work of like nature, shall be made and entered into only by and with the official unanimous consent of the Commissioners of the District, and all contracts.*

Page 8, line 192, strike out the words "at least two of."

Page 8, line 198, strike out all after the word "manner," to and including the word "yard," in line 199.

Page 9, line 204, after the word "performed" insert the following: *To the satisfaction of and acceptance by said Commissioners.*

Page 11, line 269, after the word "direct" insert the following: *The President of the United States may detail from the Engineer Corps of the Army not more than two officers of rank subordinate to that of the engineer belonging to the Board of Commissioners of said District, to act as assistants to said engineer Commissioner in the discharge of the special duties imposed upon him by the provisions of this act.*

Page 12, line 283, strike out all after the word "now," through and including the remainder of that section, and insert the following: *authorized by law.*

Page 13, line 314, strike out the word "four" and insert the word *three.*

S. W. DORSEY,
J. J. INGALLS,
W. H. BARNUM,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
JO. C. S. BLACKBURN,
A. S. WILLIAMS,
G. W. HENDEE,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

Ordered, That it be printed.

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 942) amendatory of and supplementary to the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Texas Pacific Railroad Company, and to aid in the construction of its road, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1871, and the several acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and,

On motion by Mr. Matthews,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to the first Wednesday after the first Monday in December next.

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1262) to amend an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," approved March 3, A. D. 1875; and

The amendment reported by the Select Committee on Transportation-Routes to the Seaboard having been amended on the motion of Mr. Edmunds,

On motion by Mr. Edmunds to further amend the reported amendment by inserting at the end of section 4 the following words:

The right to repeal this act so far as it affects things not done upon said work at the date of such repeal is hereby reserved to Congress,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 14 / Nays 39

On motion by Mr. Edmunds,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Booth, Burnside, Christiancy, Conkling, Edmunds, Hoar, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Morrill, Oglesby, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Bruce, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Dawes, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kernan, McCreery, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Patterson, Plumb, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The reported amendment as amended was then agreed to, and the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 55 / Nays 2

On motion by Mr. Burnside,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Conkling, Conover, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hamlin, Hereford, Hill, Hoar, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McCreery, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Ransom, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace, Whyte, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Burnside, Howe.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Kirkwood,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (S. 36) authorizing the Secretary of War to deliver to the city of Winterset, Madison County, Iowa, four cannon and carriages for the soldiers' monument in said city; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Military Affairs having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendment concurred in.

Ordered, That the resolution be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Edmunds, Mr. Allison, Mr. Ingalls, Mr. Hoar, Mr. Davis, of Illinois, Mr. Whyte, and Mr. Jones of Florida, members of the select committee authorized by the resolution of the 5th instant to inquire into certain matters touching the late Presidential election in Louisiana.

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 4867) making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and,

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Hill to the 29th section,

Mr. Hill withdrew the proposed amendment.

The 29th section having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Teller and the motion of Mr. Whyte,

On the question to strike out the section as amended as follows:

SEC. 29. From and after the passage of this act it shall not be lawful to employ any part of the Army of the United States as a posse comitatus, or otherwise, for the purpose of executing the laws, except in such cases and under such circumstances as such employment of said force may be authorized by the Constitution or by act of Congress; and no money appropriated by this act shall be used to pay any of the expenses incurred in the employment of any troops in violation of this section; and any person willfully or knowingly violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or imprisonment not exceeding two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 21 / Nays..... 29

On motion by Mr. McMillan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Rollins, Saunders, Wadleigh, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Butler, Cockrell, Coke, Eaton, Eustis, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, Maxey, Merrimon, Plumb, Ransom, Sargent, Teller, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Blaine to amend section 29 by striking out the following words, "and any person willfully and knowingly violating the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be punished by fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or imprisonment not exceeding two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment,"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 25 / Nays..... 24

On motion by Mr. Blaine,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are—

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Ferry, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Kellogg, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are—

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Butler, Cockrell, Coke, Eustis, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, Maxey, Merrimon, Ransom, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte, Withers.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Blaine to further amend the 29th section by striking out in line 3 the words "or otherwise,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 21 / Nays..... 25

On motion by Mr. Blaine,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Hamlin, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Kellogg, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Plumb, Rollins, Saunders, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Butler, Cockrell, Coke, Eustis, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, Maxey, Merrimon, Sargent, Teller, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Saunders, the motion of Mr. Dawes, and the motion of Mr. Blaine, was reported to the Senate.

On the question to concur in the following amendment made in Committee of the Whole, viz: Strike out section 28 of the bill, and in lieu thereof insert the following:

That three Senators, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and four Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, are hereby constituted a joint committee who shall take into consideration the expediency of transferring the Indian Bureau to the War Department. Said committee shall be authorized to send for persons and papers, to employ a clerk and stenographer, and to sit during the recess of Congress. It shall be the duty of said committee to make final report to Congress on or before the 1st day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine. And the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of said committee, to be expended under the direction of the chairman thereof,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 43 / Nays..... 9

On motion by Mr. Merrimon,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Dawes, Dorsey, Edmunds, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Hamlin, Hereford, Hill, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kernan, Kirkwood,

Lamar, McMillan, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Beck, Cockrell, Coke, McCreery, Maxey, Merrimon, Whyte, Withers.

So the amendment was concurred in.

The residue of the amendments made in Committee of the Whole having been concurred in,

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Hamlin,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1328) providing for the payment of the award made by the Fisheries Commission at Halifax, under the Treaty of Washington; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Hamlin, and the motion of Mr. Morrill, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sargent, and by unanimous consent,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 4519) fixing the time for holding the election for Representatives to the Forty-sixth Congress of the United States in and for the State of California; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Voorhees that the Senate reconsider its vote postponing indefinitely the bill (H. R. 4393) granting a pension to Mrs. Sidney A. Harrison,

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

Ordered, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Spencer that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 4236) making appropriations for the repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes,

It was determined in the affirmative { Yeas ..... 41 / Nays 11

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Dawes, Dorsey, Eustis, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Hoar, Howe, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McMillan, Merri-

mon, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Plumb, Ransom, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Wadleigh, Whyte, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Beck, Booth, Cockrell, Coke, Ingalls, McCreery, Maxey, Oglesby, Voorhees, Wallace.

So the motion was agreed to, and

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and

On motion by Mr. Voorhees, at 5 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m., that the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the affirmative { Yeas..... 27 / Nays..... 24

On motion by Mr. Paddock,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Christiancy, Dawes, Eustis, Hill, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Kernan, McCreery, Matthews, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morrill, Patterson, Ransom, Sargent, Saunders, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Conkling, Dorsey, Gordon, Hereford, Hoar, Jones of Nevada, Kirkwood, Lamar, McMillan, Maxey, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Spencer, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

So the motion was agreed to, and

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* signed the enrolled joint resolution (S. 34) last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 3259) providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia; and,

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Anthony presented the memorial of Abby A. Ham and Elizabeth H. Brown, of Providence, Rhode Island, praying the passage of a law authorizing the issue to them, by the proper department, of duplicates of certain five-twenty United States bonds belonging to them, and alleged to have been stolen from the Traders' Bank of Providence, Rhode Island, in which they had been deposited; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Voorhees presented the petition of S. L. Emerson, and others, citizens of Maine, praying for an increase of pensions, in accordance with the provisions of the bill H. R. 3524; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Conover presented resolutions of a meeting of citizens of Key West, Florida, in favor of granting aid to the Great Southern Railway Company (consolidated) in the construction of a line of railway in the States of Georgia and Florida, as proposed by the bill H. R. 3562; which were referred to the Committee on Railroads.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a petition of citizens of Michigan, praying an amendment of the Constitution, so as to grant to women the right of suffrage; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Oglesby presented two petitions of citizens of Illinois, praying an amendment of the Constitution, granting to women the right of suffrage; which were referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Eaton presented a petition of citizens of Connecticut, praying an amendment of the Constitution, granting to women the right of suffrage; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Thurman presented the memorial of Mrs. M. P. Danscomb, and other ladies, citizens of Ohio, remonstrating against any legislation looking toward the conferring of the right of suffrage upon women; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Thurman presented a petition of citizens of Ohio, praying an amendment of the Constitution, providing for the election of President and Vice-President by a direct vote of the people; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Thurman presented a petition of citizens of Ohio, praying the prompt recognition of the claims of pensioners who are sufferers, as is alleged, by the provisions of an unwise limitation-law; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the joint resolution (H. R. 152) to enable the joint commission to carry into effect the act of Congress providing for the completion of the Washington Monument; and

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 36 / Nays..... 17

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Coke, Conover, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Lamar, McCreery, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Ransom, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Voorhees, Whyte, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Booth, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Christiancy, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Eaton, Hoar, Kernan, McMillan, Morrill, Oglesby, Rollins, Teller, Wadleigh.

So the report was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1344) relating to tax-sales and taxes in the District of Columbia, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the following bills, reported them with amendments:

S. 116. A bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to adjust and settle the debt due the United States by the State of Arkansas.

S. 1106. A bill to reimburse purchasers at direct-tax sales in Arkansas declared illegal by United States court, in consequence of a defective board of commissioners.

Mr. Wallace, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2138) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay Mary Fearon and Jessie Crossin, executrices of Samuel P. Fearon, deceased, for certain registered United States bonds redeemed by the government on forged assignments and power of attorney, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Wadleigh, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 830) for the relief of Francis O. Wyse, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 494) thereon.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4989) to amend section 2517 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3892) to change the time for holding terms of the district court for the western district of Virginia at Danville, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the motion to print the ninth report upon the improvement of the South Pass of the Mississippi River, reported the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the ninth report upon the improvement of the South Pass of the Mississippi River, showing the condition of the bar at the head of the pass, April 12, 1878; of the bar at the mouth of the pass, May 9, 1878, and of the jetties, dikes, &c., April 15, 1878, by Captain M. R. Brown, United States Engineer Corps, with the accompanying plates, be printed.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, reported the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That six hundred and fifty additional copies of the ninth report upon the improvement of the Mississippi River be printed for the use of the War Department.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, reported the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That the report of the Superintendent of the Coast Survey for the year ending June 30, 1877, be printed, with one thousand additional copies for the use of the Superintendent.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported the following resolution:

Resolved, That a subcommittee of the Committee on the District of Columbia be, and the same are hereby, authorized to sit during the recess of Congress to consider and examine into various plans for the improvement of the system of sewerage and the sanitary condition of the District of Columbia which have been submitted to said committee, and others which may be submitted; that said committee is authorized to examine into the system of sewerage of other cities, and employ what-

ever aid is necessary to secure valuable information upon the subject; the expense of said committee, and such assistance as it may require, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of the Musical Mutual Protective Union of New York, reported adversely thereon.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States has informed the House of Representatives that he approved and signed, on the 3d instant, an act (H. R. 1918) for the relief of Milton B. Cushing, paymaster United States Navy; and

He approved and signed, on the 4th instant, the following acts:

H. R. 3064. An act making appropriations for the consular and diplomatic service of the government for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

H. R. 4425. An act to alter and amend a law of the District of Columbia relative to the inspection of flour; and

He approved and signed, on the 6th instant, the following acts:

H. R. 430. An act for the relief of John Clinton, postmaster at Brownsville, Tennessee.

H. R. 1119. An act to confirm the title of Benjamin E. Edwards, his heirs, assigns, or legal representatives, to a certain tract of land in the Territory of New Mexico.

H. R. 2176. An act granting an increase of pension to Mattie McTaggart, widow of the late First Lieutenant McTaggart, Seventeenth United States Infantry.

H. R. 4413. An act to provide for the free entry of articles imported for exhibition by societies established for encouragement of the arts or sciences, and for other purposes; and

He approved and signed, on the 7th instant, the following acts and joint resolution:

H. R. 1951. An act for the relief of John F. Sutherlin and Brother, of Parke County, Indiana.

H. R. 3969. An act regulating the appointment of justices of the peace, commissioners of deeds, and constables within and for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

H. R. 153. A joint resolution providing for the issue of arms to Territories; and

He approved and signed, on the 8th instant, the following acts and joint resolution:

H. R. 1660. An act for the relief of Saint Michael's Church, Charleston, South Carolina.

H. R. 1855. An act for the relief of John C. Ray.

H. R. 4988. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to constitute superintendents of mints or assayers in assay-offices assistant treasurers of the United States.

H. R. 177. Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to Governor Hubbard, of Texas, such tents, poles, and pins as he may require for the use of the volunteers of the State at their summer encampment.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 82. An act for the relief of Gustav A. Hesselberger.

S. 342. An act for the relief of Phœbe Henrietta Groesbeck.

S. 644. An act for the relief of Dwight W. Hakes.

S. 998. An act for the relief of George R. Dennis, of Maryland.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, Mr. Whyte, and Mr. Jones, of Florida, on their own motions, respectively, were excused from service as members of the select committee appointed to investigate certain matters relative to the late Presidential election in Louisiana.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Patterson: A bill (S. 1383) proposing a reward for a new foot-measure; to the Committee on Patents.

By Mr. Allison: A bill (S. 1384) to authorize the appointment of stenographers in the United States circuit and district courts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Oglesby: A bill (S. 1386) providing for a settlement among the North Carolina Cherokees in regard to their lands in the State of North Carolina; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. Kernan: A bill (S. 1387) to legalize the collection of head-moneys already paid; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Burnside asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 1385) to define the duties of musicians of the Army and Navy of the United States; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds be instructed to inquire into the expediency of an appropriation for fastening the statue of General Greene, at the intersection of Massachusetts and Maryland avenues, firmly on the pedestal, of placing a suitable inscription thereon, and of leveling and improving the ground upon which it is situated.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the joint resolution (H. R. 152) to enable the joint commission to carry into effect the act of Congress providing for the completion of the Washington monument.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 5117. An act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and prior years, and for those heretofore treated as permanent, for reappropriations, and for other purposes.

H. R. 187. Joint resolution relative to goloid coinage.

The bill (H. R. 5117) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution submitted by him on the 8th instant for the appointment of a select committee to consider certain matters connected with the Presidential election of 1876; and,

An amendment having been proposed by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That the resolution be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

On motion by Mr. Patterson,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported by him on the 6th instant, authorizing the subcommittee of the Committee on Territories engaged in investigating the subject of the issue of bonds by certain railroad companies, predicated upon land-grants in the Indian Territory; and

The resolution was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Wadleigh,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 5124) designating the times for the election of Representatives to the Forth-sixth and succeeding Congresses from the State of Colorado; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Hereford,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 4931) to provide for the election of Representatives to the Forty-sixth Congress in the State of West Virginia; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Privileges and Elections having been agreed to in part,

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: Insert as an additional section the following:

SEC. 4. *That the present legislature of the State of New Hampshire may, if it shall so elect, at any time after the passage of this act, and during its session commencing on the first Wednesday of June, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, begin the election of and elect a Senator to represent said State in the Senate of the United States for the term of six years, beginning March fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine; said election of Senator to be conducted according to the laws now in force, except so far as the same relate to the time of making such election,*

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 28 / Nays 24

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Conkling, Conover, Dawes, Ferry, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Jones of Nevada, Kirkwood, McMillan, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Patterson, Plumb, Rollins, Saunders, Spencer, Wadleigh, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Butler, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Eaton, Eustis, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, McCreery, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Ransom, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte, Withers.

So the amendment was agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act amending the laws with reference to elections in certain States."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 2507) making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

The House of Representatives has disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 4867) making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes. It asks a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and appoints Mr. Abram S. Hewitt, Mr. Sparks, and Mr. Foster managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 4802) for the construction of a public building for use by the United States Government in the city of New York; in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed seven enrolled bills (S. 1208, S. 1272, H. R. 2507, H. R. 3259, H. R. 3892, H. R. 4519, and H. R. 5124) I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the bill of the House (H. R. 4867) making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and,

On motion by Mr. Blaine,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives and agree to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Blaine, Mr. Allison, and Mr. Withers.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 1208. An act authorizing the publication, for sale, of an edition of the Narrative of the Polaris Expedition.

S. 1272. An act to amend section forty-one hundred and twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States, in relation to the judicial powers and functions of consuls.

H. R. 2507. An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

H. R. 3259. An act providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia.

H. R. 3892. An act to change the time for holding terms of the district court for the western district of Virginia, at Danville.

H. R. 4519. An act fixing the time for holding the election for Representatives to the Forty-sixth Congress of the United States in and for the State of California.

H. R. 5124. An act designating the times for the election of Repre-

sentatives to the Forty-sixth and succeeding Congresses from the State of Colorado.

The President *pro tempore* signed the seven enrolled bills (S. 1208, S. 1272, H. R. 2507, H. R. 3259, H. R. 3892, H. R. 4519, and H. R. 5124) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Dorsey, that the Senate reconsider its vote postponing indefinitely the bill (S. 530) for the relief of Alexander Davis, of Conway County, Arkansas,

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Claims.

On motion by Mr. Allison,

The several votes excusing Mr. Davis, of Illinois, Mr. Whyte, and Mr. Jones, of Florida, from service on the select committee appointed to investigate certain matters relative to the late Presidential election in Louisiana were reconsidered; and,

On the question, Will the Senate excuse the Senators named from service on the said committee?

It was determined in the negative.

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its last adjournment, viz, the bill (H. R. 4236) making appropriations for the construction, repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That debate on amendments to the bill be confined to five minutes by any Senator on the pending motion.

The amendments reported by the Committee on Commerce having been agreed to in part,

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: In lines 24 and 25, page 2, strike out "eighty-five," and in lieu thereof insert *one hundred and sixty*,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 36 / Nays 15

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Hoar, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kirkwood, Lamar, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Ransom, Saunders, Spencer, Whyte, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Beck, Booth, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Harris, Kernan, McCreery, Morgan, Morrill, Oglesby, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Teller, Voorhees.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: In lines 40 and 41, page 3, insert:

For improving the French Broad River, North Carolina, fifteen thousand dollars,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 35 / Nays 17

On motion by Mr. Beck,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Coke, Conover, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Hereford, Hill, Hoar, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kirkwood, Lamar, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Ransom, Saunders, Spencer, Whyte, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Beck, Booth, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Harris, Kernan, McCreery, Morgan, Morrill, Oglesby, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Teller, Voorhees, Wallace.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: In lines 46 and 47, page 3, strike out "five," and in lieu thereof insert *two hundred*,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 41 / Nays 8

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Dawes, Eustis, Gordon, Hereford, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Ransom, Saulsbury, Spencer, Voorhees, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Harris, McCreery, Morrill, Rollins, Sargent, Teller.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The reported amendments having been further agreed to in part, and in part disagreed to,

On motion by Mr. Sargent, at 6 o'clock and 5 minutes p. m., that the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 33 / Nays 25

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Conkling, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Harris, Hill, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, McMillan, Matthews, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morrill, Ransom, Sargent, Saulsbury, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Hereford, Hoar, Howe, Kellogg, Kirkwood, Maxey, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Whyte, Withers.

So the motion was agreed to; and

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 1878.

The bill H. R. 4802 and the joint resolution H. R. 187 yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 4802 be referred to the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and that the joint resolution H. R. 187 be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Withers presented a memorial of citizens of Lynchburg, Virginia, manufacturers and dealers in tobacco, praying for a reduction of the tax on manufactured tobacco; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of citizens of Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, praying that a pension be granted to Jacob Ginder on account of services rendered the United States by his son Captain David H. Ginder, late of Company I, Eighty-first Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, presented the petition of Eliza S. Conklin and Joseph Stafford, of Illinois, praying for the extension of a patent granted to D. S. Stafford for improvements in cultivators; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

On motion by Mr. McCreery,

Ordered, That C. F. Eubanks have leave to withdraw his papers from the files of the Senate, on leaving copies with the Secretary.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 27) providing for transportation by the military authorities of John J. Manuel and two infant daughters from Camp Howard, Idaho Territory, to Saint Charles, Missouri, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 37) authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to the governor of North Carolina such tents, poles, and pins as he may require for the use of the militia and volunteer organizations of the State at their summer and fall encampments, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolutions S. 27 and S. 37 as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said resolutions were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Kernan, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (S. 723) for relief of the sureties on the official bond of B. T. Beauregard, late collector of internal revenue, second district of Louisiana, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 837) for the relief of the officers and privates of the New Mexico Mounted Volunteers, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 495) thereon.

Mr. Oglesby, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was re-

ferred the bill (H. R. 775) for the restoration to market of certain lands in the Territory of Utah, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5117) making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and prior years, and for those heretofore treated as permanent, for reappropriations, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Paddock, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1164) for the relief of Peter G. Mills, his heirs and assigns, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 498) thereon.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 758) for the relief of citizens of Montana who served with the United States troops in the war with the Nez Percés, and for the relief of the heirs of such as were killed in such service, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 497) thereon.

Mr. Howe, from the commission constituted by the act approved April 3, 1878, to consider the subject of providing enlarged accommodations for the Library of Congress, submitted a report (No. 496) accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That the commission recommend an appropriation of $150,000 to lay the foundation for a new Library building on or near the center of Judiciary Square, to be erected according to a plan to be submitted to and approved by Congress.

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Major J. W. T. Gardiner.

Leave having been obtained, bills and a joint resolution were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Howe: A bill (S. 1388) to secure the most efficient arms for the use of the Regular Army and militia of the United States; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Paddock: A bill (S. 1389) to provide for holding terms of the circuit and district courts in the district of Nebraska; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Beck: A joint resolution (S. 38) authorizing an allowance to certain clerks of committees; to the Committee on Appropriations.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

The President of the United States has informed the House of Representatives that he approved and signed, on the 8th instant, an act (H. R. 4874) for the relief of the sureties of John McNellis; and

He yesterday approved and signed an act (H. R. 2132) to pay for clerical services and extraordinary expenses under the seventh section of the act of August 18, 1856, in the Pawnee land-district in Kansas; and

He this day approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 3259. An act providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia.

H. R. 3284. An act for the relief of James Johnson, late collector of the port of Savannah.

H. R. 4556. An act for the relief of F. W. Golladay.

H. R. 3892. An act to change the time for holding terms of the district court for the western district of Virginia at Danville.

H. R. 4519. An act fixing the time for holding the election for Repre-

sentatives to the Forty-sixth Congress of the United States in and for the State of California.

H. R. 5124. An act designating the times for the election of Representatives to the Forty-sixth and succeeding Congresses from the State of Colorado.

The morning business having been concluded, the President *pro tempore* called the regular order, under the resolution agreed to on the 6th instant, viz, the consideration of bills on the Calendar unobjected to; and

On motion by Mr. Wallace to postpone the regular order, and that the Senate resume the consideration of the bill (H. R. 923) supplementary to the act entitled "An act to carry into effect the convention between the United States and China concluded on the 8th day of November, 1858, at Shanghai," approved March 3, 1859, and to give the Court of Claims jurisdiction in certain cases,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 12 / Nays ..... 35.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Butler, Eustis, Grover, Hill, Kernan, Maxey, Morgan, Ransom, Spencer, Voorhees, Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bailey, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Conkling, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Harris, Hoar, Jones of Florida, Kirkwood, McCreery, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of the Calendar; and

The following bills were considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 308. A bill for the relief of Joseph N. Lewis.

S. 1112. A bill for the relief of Claude H. Masten, surviving partner of the firm of Le Vert and Masten, of Mobile, Alabama, and the children of Octavia Le Vert, deceased.

S. 1131. A bill for the relief of E. C. Clemens.

S. 1133. A bill for the relief of William Gibson.

S. 1173. A bill for the relief of R. W. Corbin.

S. 934. A bill for the relief of H. M. Billingsley.

S. 1030. A bill donating material of war to the Washington Association of New Jersey.

S. 1205. A bill for the relief of Treadwell S. Ayres.

S. 214. A bill for the relief of George V. Hebb.

S. 351. A bill for the relief of the Domestic and Indian Missions and Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

S. 1242. A bill to repeal section 1233 of the Revised Statutes, relating to company cooks in the Army.

S. 1135. A bill to create an additional land district in the Territory of Idaho.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills and joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 3124. An act to amend section 824 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

H. R. 4009. An act for the relief of John N. Bonesteel and James T. Conklin.

H. R. 4091. An act to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the will of the people in regard to the disabled soldiers of the late war.

H. R. 4337. An act to remove the political disabilities of Larkin Smith, of Georgia.

H. R. 4898. An act for the relief of Joel S. Hankins and William Boyd, citizens of Lamar County, State of Alabama.

H. R. 5082. An act for the removal of the political disabilities of William A. Carswell, of Georgia.

H. R. 5090. An act to amend section 860 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

H. R. 5137. An act to legalize the collection of head-moneys already paid.

H. R. 127. Joint resolution instructing the Attorney-General of the United States to bring certain suits in the name of the United States to set aside certain patents to lands of the Black Bob band of Shawnee Indians.

H. R. 191. Joint resolution releasing the reversionary claim and interest of the United States in and to certain lands in the State of Michigan.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled joint resolution H. R. 152, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the joint resolution (H. R. 152) to enable the joint commission to carry into effect the act of Congress providing for the completion of the Washington Monument.

The President *pro tempore* signed the enrolled joint resolution H. R. 152 last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The bill H. R. 5137 this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bills were severally reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in:

S. 1244. A bill for the relief of George Williams.

S. 994. A bill for the relief of Albert Ordway.

S. 19. A bill for the relief of James M. Beeber.

S. 80. A bill to reimburse the State of Kansas for expenses incurred by said State for the United States in repelling invasions and suppressing Indian hostilities.

S. 973. A bill for the relief of Charles O. Allibone.

S. 748. A bill to amend an act approved March 3, 1873, entitled "An act authorizing the award to the Vincennes University of certain vacant and abandoned lands in Knox County, Indiana."

S. 605. A bill for the relief of William M. Kendall.

S. 726. A bill for the relief of Henry E. Sizer.

S. 806. A bill for the relief of George T. Marshall.

S. 827. A bill to provide for the sale of certain portions of the Fort Leavenworth military reservation.

S. 992. A bill for the relief of Columbus F. Perry and Elizabeth H. Gilmer, of Chambers County, Alabama.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 184) to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to transfer to the Secretary of the Interior, for entry and sale, all lands in the State of Florida not needed for naval purposes; and the amendments reported by the Committee on Naval Affairs having been agreed to and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Plumb, was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 1088) to provide for the revision and correction of assessments for special improvements in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; and the reported amendment having been amended on the motion of Mr. Sargent was agreed to, and the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

H. R. 150. An act for the relief of William McIndoe, postmaster at Lonaconing, in Alleghany County, Maryland.

H. R. 1315. An act for the relief of C. H. Walker, postmaster at Frostburg, in Alleghany County, Maryland.

H. R. 1889. An act for the relief of David W. Cheeseman, of Lake City, in Lake County, in the State of Oregon.

H. R. 3071. An act for the relief of Samuel R. Atwell, late postmaster at Winchester, Virginia.

H. R. 1271. An act establishing the salaries to be paid to the collectors of customs of Plymouth and Nantucket, Massachusetts.

H. R. 2334. An act for the relief of Joseph F. Wilson.

H. R. 1892. An act for the relief of Mrs. Amanda Rains, of Illinois.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

S. 714. A bill for the relief of Joseph E. Moore.

S. 965. A bill for the relief of Eunice J. Stockwell.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1087) to provide additional regulations for homesteads and pre-emption entries on public lands; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Sargent, was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 854) for the adjudication of title to lands claimed by José Apis and Pablo Apis, in the State of California; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Booth, it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1121) to amend section 1216 of the Revised Statutes; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended by adding thereto *relating to certificates of merit to soldiers who have distinguished themselves.*

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1122) to amend section 1285 of the Revised Statutes; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended by adding thereto *relating to two dollars per month extra pay to soldiers having certificates of merit.*

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 959) for the protection of homestead settlers on the public lands; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An

act to grant additional rights to homestead settlers on public lands within railroad limits."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1108) to transfer the title of the United States to square one hundred and nine to the District of Columbia for the benefit of the public schools thereof; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act to protect Holmead Cemetery, in the District of Columbia.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1150) to amend section 5447 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended by adding thereto *in reference to the protection of revenue officers.*

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1151) to amend section 5497 of the Revised Statutes; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended by adding thereto *relating to embezzlement by United States officers.*

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1228) for the relief of Mrs. M. J. Donahoe; and having been amended on the motion Mr. Anthony, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 1028) declaratory of the law relating to descents and inheritance in the District of Columbia in certain cases; and no further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate, and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 4) to provide a penalty for wanton injury to the public libra-

ries in the District of Columbia and in the Territories of the United States; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act to protect public libraries in the District of Columbia and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3968) regulating exemptions in the District of Columbia; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 347) to remove the political disabilities of Manning M. Kimmel, late of Cape Girardeau County, Missouri; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved (*two-thirds of the Senators present concurring*), That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 4236) making appropriations for the construction, repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and

The reported amendments having been further agreed to in part, and in part disagreed to,

On motion by Mr. Morrill to amend the bill by striking out on page 23 the following words:

"It shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to apply the money herein appropriated for improvements other than surveys and estimates in carrying on the various works by contract or by hired labor, at his discretion, and as in his judgment may be most advantageous to the government; and, where said works are done by contract, such contracts shall be made after sufficient public advertisement for proposals in such manner and form as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and such contracts shall be made with the lowest responsible bidders therefor, accompanied by such securities as the Secretary of War shall require," and in lieu thereof inserting the following:

It shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to apply the moneys herein appropriated, as far as may be, by contract, except when specific estimates cannot be made for the particular work, or where in the judgment of said Secretary the work cannot be constructed at prices advantageous to the gov-

ernment, and except the appropriations made for examinations and surveys; and such contracts shall be made after sufficient public advertisement for proposals in such form and manner as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and such contracts shall be made with the lowest responsible bidders therefor, accompanied by such securities as the Secretary of War shall require,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 43 / Nays..... 10

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Eaton, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hill, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Kirkwood, McCreery, Matthews, Mitchell, Morgan, Morrill, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Teller, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace, Whyte, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Conover, Eustis, Hereford, Howe, Johnston, Kellogg, Maxey, Merrimon, Ransom, Spencer.

So the amendment was agreed to.

On the question to agree to the last reported amendment, viz: Insert at the end of the bill certain additional sections,

On motion by Mr. Cockrell to amend the amendment,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Dawes,

On motion by Mr. Burnside to amend the amendment by striking out all included between section 4 and section 12, and in lieu thereof inserting the following:

That a committee, to be composed of three Senators, to be designated by the President of the Senate, four members of the House of Representatives, to be designated by the Speaker of the House, and three officers of the Engineer Corps, to be designated by the President, be raised, whose duty it shall be to examine the reports, plans, and estimates for the improvement of the Mississippi River and the closing of gaps and crevasses on the Mississippi River, and to report at the next session as to the probable cost and comparative utility of the several plans; and the sum of five thousand dollars is appropriated for the expenses of the said committee, and the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to pay such money or so much thereof as may be necessary, on bills approved by the chairman of said committee,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 33 / Nays..... 19

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Burnside, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Coke, Dawes, Eaton, Ferry, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Howe, Johnston, Kernan, McCreery, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Morrill, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Teller, Voorhees, Wadleigh.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bruce, Cockrell, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dennis, Eustis, Hoar, Ingalls, Kellogg, Lamar, McMillan, Patterson, Plumb, Ransom, Spencer, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

So the amendment to the amendment was agreed to; and

On the question to agree to the reported amendment as amended,

It was determined in the negative.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Ransom and the motion of Mr. Allison,

On motion by Mr. Mitchell to amend the bill by striking out in line 374, page 16, the word "seventy-five," and in lieu thereof inserting *two hundred*,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 30 / Nays 20

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Blaine, Bruce, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Conover, Dawes, Dorsey, Eustis, Gordon, Grover, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Lamar, Matthews, Mitchell, Oglesby, Paddock, Ransom, Sargent, Saunders, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Beck, Coke, Dennis, Eaton, Harris, Hoar, Howe, Kernan, McCreery, McMillan, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Spencer, Voorhees, Wallace.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Withers, the motion of Mr. Eaton, the motion of Mr. Howe, the motion of Mr. Matthews, and the motion of Mr. Coke,

On motion by Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, to amend the bill by striking out in line 211, page 10, the word "ten," and in lieu thereof inserting *fifteen*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 20 / Nays 22

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Blaine, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Conover, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Kellogg, Kirkwood, Matthews, Mitchell, Paddock, Plumb, Sargent, Teller.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Butler, Coke, Davis, of Illinois, Dennis, Harris, Hereford, Hoar, Kernan, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Morrill, Randolph, Ransom, Rollins, Spencer, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Morrill, the motion of Mr Kellogg, the motion of Mr. Conover, the motion of Mr. Withers, and the motion of Mr. Windom,

On motion by Mr. Kernan to amend the bill by inserting at the end of section 1 the following:

Provided, That not more than seventy-five per centum of the moneys appropriated by this act shall be expended during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 20 / Nays 37

On motion by Mr. Kernan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Christiancy, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Harris, Kernan, McCreery, Morgan, Morrill, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Blaine, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Coke, Conover, Dennis, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kirkwood, Lamar, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Ransom, Saunders, Spencer, Windom, Withers.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

No further amendment being made, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 35 / Nays 24

On motion by Mr. Harris,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Conover, Dennis, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Ransom, Saunders, Spencer, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Harris, Hoar, Ingalls, Kernan, McCreery, Morgan, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Sargent, and by unanimous consent,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 5117) making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and prior years, and for those heretofore treated as permanent, for reappropriations, and for other purposes; and,

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Allison, at 6 o'clock and 50 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1878.

The bills H. R. 3124, H. R. 4009, H. R. 4091, H. R. 4337, H. R. 4898, H. R. 5082, and H. R. 5090 and the joint resolution H. R. 127 yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, were

severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a communication from the Secretary of War, recommending the establishment of a telegraph line along the west branch of the Nueces River.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter from the president of the Capitol, North O street, and South Washington Railway Company, transmitting, in answer to a Senate resolution of May 31, 1878, a statement of the amount of the capital stock, the amount of indebtedness, the gross and net earnings, the operating expenses, &c., of said company, which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Maxey presented a memorial of delegates from the Indian Territory, remonstrating against the passage of the bill providing for the organization of the Territory of Oklahoma, which was referred to the Committee on Territories and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Conkling presented two petitions of citizens of New York, dealers in manufactured tobacco, praying that if a law shall be passed reducing the tax on manufactured tobacco, that holders of stocks thereof upon which the tax has been paid shall be entitled to a drawback equal in amount to the amount of such reduction; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wallace presented the petition of Damon Y. Kilgore, a citizen of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, praying the passage of a law authorizing the issue of one hundred millions of dollars in greenbacks, the same to be expended in the development of the different mines, in the construction of railroads, telegraphs, public buildings, &c., and to aid deserving families, by way of small loans, in securing homes upon the public lands; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Beck presented two petitions of citizens of Kentucky, praying an amendment of the Constitution prohibiting the several States from disfranchising United States citizens on account of sex; which were referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. Dorsey presented the petition of Squire Moon, late first lieutenant Tenth Infantry, United States Army, praying to be placed on the retired list of the Army and granted three months' extra pay; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Grover presented the petition of William T. Welcker, of Berkeley, California, praying for the removal of his political disabilities; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Howe presented the petition of Helen Frances Manville, executrix and sole legatee of Robert H. Mathies, deceased, praying for the extension of the patent granted said Mathies on the 12th day of August, 1862, and reissued July 6, 1875, and numbered 6535 of reissues; which was referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Voorhees presented a memorial of Peter Cooper, remonstrating against the immediate adjournment of Congress until after certain measures for public relief shall have been acted upon; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Johnston,

Ordered, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Edwin De Leon, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Johnston,

Ordered, That the heirs of William A. Graham have leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate their petition and papers.

On motion by Mr. Allison,

Ordered, That the select committee appointed to inquire into certain matters touching the late Presidential election in Louisiana have leave to sit during the sessions of the Senate.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his Secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States yesterday approved and signed an act (S. 72) for the relief of the heirs of William A. Graham.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Dorsey, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill of the House (H. R. 4246) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 4246) making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 7, 9, 10, and 12.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments numbered 3, 8, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, and 20, and agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 1, with an amendment as follows:

Strike out all after the word "allowed," in line 13, page 1, of the bill, down to and including the word "Department," in line 14, same page, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

For their actual and necessary expenses, not exceeding five dollars per diem when they are actually engaged in traveling on the business of the department, except such, not exceeding ten in number, as are appointed by the Postmaster-General to duty at such important points as he may designate, and nine assistant superintendents of railway mail service, who may be detailed to act as superintendents of division of railway mail-service, who shall each receive a salary of two thousand five hundred dollars per annum, and no more;

And the House agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 2, and agree to the same, with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of "forty" insert *thirty-five;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 4, and agree to the same, with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the words stricken out by said amendment insert the following: *or be imprisoned for a term not exceeding one year;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 5, and agree to the same, with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of "five hundred" insert *four hundred and sixty-five;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 6, and agree to the same, with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert *one million eight hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 11, with an amendment as follows:

Strike out all after the word "of," in line 1, page 5, of the bill, down to and including the word "day," in line 3, same page, and insert in lieu thereof the following: *three thousand five hundred dollars a year, and no allowances for traveling or incidental expenses;* and the House agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 17, and agree to the same, with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of "nine hundred and sixty-two" insert *two hundred and twenty-two;* and the Senate agree to the same.

S. W. DORSEY,
A. A. SARGENT,
R. E. WITHERS,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
JAMES H. BLOUNT,
HIESTER CLYMER,
JOHN H. BAKER,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and,

On motion by Mr. Dorsey,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Grover, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 150) for the relief of M. P. Jones, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 162) for the relief of Bushrod B. Taylor and other naval officers, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3733) for the relief of Hanson Harmon, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 500) thereon.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of G. W. Saulpau, submitted a report (No. 501), accompanied by a bill (S. 1390) for the relief of George W. Saulpau; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Oglesby, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 721) to relieve Morgan's Louisiana and Texas Railroad, formerly the New Orleans, Opelousas and Great Western Railroad, from certain conditions imposed by act of June 3, 1856, chapter 42, section 3, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Oglesby, from the Committee on Public Lands, submitted a report (No. 502) to accompany the bill (S. 780) to provide for indemnity due to the several States under the acts of Congress approved March 2, 1855, and March 3, 1857, relating to swamp and overflowed lands, heretofore reported.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1371) for the relief of John W. Skiles, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 503) thereon.

Mr. Mitchell, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 295) for the relief of William C. Edmonston, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 504) thereon.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was re-

ferred the bill (H. R. 3988) to organize the Life-Saving Service, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1140) authorizing the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Colorado River at Fort Yuma, in the State of California and in the Territory of Arizona, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Conkling, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4674) to aid vessels wrecked or disabled in the waters conterminous to the United States and the Dominion of Canada, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2791) granting additional pension to Mrs. Margaret J. Lovell, widow of the late General Charles S. Lovell, reported it without amendment and submitted an adverse report (No. 506) thereon.

Mr. Teller, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 882) to authorize the proper accounting-officer of the Treasury to audit and pay the claim of the State of Tennessee for keeping United States military prisoners, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 499) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of L. Madison Day, submitted a report (No. 505), accompanied by a bill (S. 1391) for the relief of L. Madison Day; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Cockrell asked and obtained the consent of the Senate to submit the views of the minority of the Committee on Claims on the foregoing bill; which were ordered to be printed, to accompany the report of the committee (No. 505).

Mr. Ferry, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 13) for the relief of H. G. Boardman, postmaster at Milton, Vermont, reported it without amendment.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Saunders: A bill (S. 1392) to aid in the construction of the Omaha and National Park railway and telegraph line; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Paddock: A bill (S. 1393) to establish a mail-route in the Territory of Wyoming; to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads.

Mr. Paddock submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That there be printed thirty thousand copies of the first annual report of the United States commission relating to the Rocky Mountain locust and the best methods of preventing its injuries and of guarding against its invasions; ten thousand copies of the same for the use of the Senate, fifteen thousand copies for the use of the House of Representatives, and five thousand copies for distribution by the Commissioner of Agriculture.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed seven enrolled bills H. R. 150, H. R. 1271, H. R. 1315, H. R. 1889, H. R. 1892, H. R. 2334, and H. R. 3071, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 150. An act for the relief of William McIndoe, postmaster at Lonaconing, in Alleghany County, Maryland.

H. R. 1271. An act establishing the salaries to be paid the collectors of customs of Plymouth and Nantucket, Massachusetts.

H. R. 1315. An act for the relief of C. H. Walker, postmaster at Frostburg, in Alleghany County, Maryland.

H. R. 1889. An act for the relief of David W. Cheeseman, of Lake City, in Lake County, in the State of Oregon.

H. R. 1892. An act for the relief of Mrs. Amanda Rains, of Illinois.

H. R. 2334. An act for the relief of Joseph F. Wilson.

H. R. 3071. An act for the relief of Samuel R. Atwell, late postmaster at Winchester, Virginia.

The President *pro tempore* signed the seven enrolled bills H. R. 150, H. R. 1271, H. R. 1315, H. R. 1889, H. R. 1892, H. R. 2334, and H. R. 3071 last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1100) to correct an error in section 4390 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended by adding thereto, *relating to the transportation of cattle.*

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1203) to repeal the act of Congress approved April 3, A. D. 1878, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act for the support of the government for the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for other purposes'"; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act to modify the act of Congress approved April 3, A. D. 1878, entitled 'An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the support of the government for the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and for other purposes."'"

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 4420) for the relief of Horace E. Mullan; and

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Cockrell,

After debate,

It was determined in the negative.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Anthony,

was reported to the Senate and the amendments made in Committee of the Whole were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

H. R. 3119. An act for the relief of John I. Thomas.

H. R. 844. An act granting a pension to Mary Martin, mother, by adoption, of James R. Martin, late a private in the Fifth Regiment Vermont Volunteers.

H. R. 2936. An act granting a pension to George R. Whitehead.

H. R. 519. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Ellen B. Foster, widow of Edwin R. Foster, deceased, late first lieutenant of Company G, in the Eighteenth Illinois Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 522. An act granting a pension to James B. Gillespie, late captain Company I, One hundred and twentieth Regiment Illinois Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 3106. An act granting a pension to Daniel W. Martin, a private in Company A, Fifty-seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteers.

H. R. 1688. An act to restore the name of Hamilton Ryne to the pension-rolls.

H. R. 3578. An act granting a pension to Julia J. Wheeler.

H. R. 3109. An act granting a pension to Margaret Kenah, widow of Patrick Kenah, late a private of Company D, First United States Artillery.

H. R. 3579. An act granting a pension to Philip Henry.

H. R. 3573. An act granting a pension to Charles G. Galezio.

H. R. 1175. An act granting a pension to George Silvers, private Company E, Fifty-seventh Regiment United States Volunteers.

H. R. 710. An act granting a pension to Jane D. Cotton.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills, and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 879. A bill for the relief of Luther Hall.

S. 1111. A bill for the relief of Somerville and Davis.

S. 1081. A bill for the relief of David G. Potts.

S. 415. A bill for the relief of Ella Long.

S. 971. A bill for the relief of William Leibig.

S. 1275. A bill granting a pension to John Charles Black.

S. 950. A bill in relation to certain fees allowed registers and receivers.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills, and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bills were reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in:

S. 964. A bill for the relief of the owner of the bark Grapeshot.

S. 418. A bill to amend section 532 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to the division of the State of Alabama into judicial districts.

Ordered, That the bills be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3828) to amend section 23 of the act approved June 22, 1874, entitled "An act to amend customs-revenue laws and to repeal moieties;" and the reported amendments having been agreed to, and a further amendment having been proposed by Mr. Kellogg,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Finance.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1099) to provide for the settlement of tax-lien certificates erroneously issued by the late authorities of the District of Columbia, and an amendment to the reported amendment having been proposed by Mr. Harris,

After debate,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 4055) to create a revenue in the District of Columbia by levying a tax upon all dogs therein, to make such dogs personal property, and for other purposes; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Morrill, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bills were reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in:

H. R. 613. An act subjecting the Fort Wayne military reservation, in the State of Arkansas, to entry as other public lands in said State.

H. R. 3548. An act making appropriations for the payment of claims reported allowed by the Commissioners of Claims under the act of Congress of March 3, 1871.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bills read a third time.

The said bills as amended were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the bill of the Senate (S. 1047) regulating the appointment of cadet-midshipmen and cadet-engineers in the Naval Academy, and for other purposes, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives insists upon its amendments to the bill of the Senate (S. 1016) to provide for the distribution of the awards made under the convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico, concluded on the 4th day of July, 1868, disagreed to by the Senate; it asks a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Wilson, Mr. Chalmers, and Mr. Banks managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 2364. An act to regulate the appointment of sailmakers in the United States Navy.

H. R. 3344. An act to authorize the appointment of apothecaries as warrant-officers in the United States Navy.

H. R. 4297. An act to restore George A. Stevens to his relative rank in the Navy of the United States.

H. R. 4525. An act for the relief Charles O. Allibone.

H. R. 5179. An act relative to examinations for promotions in the Navy.

H. R. 5180. An act to abolish the volunteer Navy of the United States.

H. R. 193. Joint resolution to allow the Secretary of the Navy to purchase plate-iron and other material used in the construction of steam-boilers for the United States Navy.

The bill (H. R. 4525) for the relief of Charles O. Allibone, this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The joint resolution (H. R. 193) to allow the Secretary of the Navy to purchase plate-iron and other material used in the construction of steam-boilers for the United States Navy, this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The bills (H. R. 2364, H. R. 3344, H. R. 4297, H. R. 5179, and H. R. 5180) this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 1047) regulating the ap-

pointment of cadet-midshipmen and cadet-engineers in the Naval Academy, and for other purposes; and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 1016) to provide for the distribution of the awards made under the convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico concluded on the 4th day of July, 1868, insisted upon by the House; and,

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its disagreement to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill, and agree to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Davis, of Illinois, Mr. Blaine, and Mr. Thurman.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (H. R. 5117) making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and prior years, and for those heretofore treated as permanent, for reappropriations, and for other purposes; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Spencer that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 176) to provide for the enforcement of the eight-hour law,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 24 / Nays 23

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senate present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bruce, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Eaton, Hoar, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Oglesby, Patterson, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Spencer, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bailey, Bayard, Booth, Coke, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Kernan, Kirkwood, McCreery, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Morrill, Saulsbury, Teller, Withers.

So the motion was agreed to; and

The Senate proceeded to consider the said resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and having been amended on the motion of Mr.

Dawes, and a further amendment having been proposed by Mr. Kirkwood,

On motion by Mr. Eaton to postpone the further consideration of the resolution to the first Monday in December next,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 31 / Nays..... 25

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Booth, Butler, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Dennis, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Johnston, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McCreery, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Morrill, Ransom, Saulsbury, Teller, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Blaine, Bruce, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Dawes, Ferry, Hoar, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, McDonald, McMillan, Mitchell, Oglesby, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Windom.

So the motion was agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills and joint resolution; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate.

H. R. 3257. An act for the relief of William H. Merritt.

H. R. 4376. An act granting a pension to James G. Williams.

H. R. 1308. An act for the relief of Daniel Small, a soldier of the war of 1812.

H. R. 4373. An act granting a pension to Mary I. Lebow.

H. R. 1551. An act for the relief of Mrs. Emma A. Porch, of Centretown, Missouri.

H. R. 4361. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth Winters.

H. R. 134. An act for the relief of Jacob G. Croman, of Dickinson, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

H. R. 3103. An act for the relief of Oliver Yake, of Sanilac County, Michigan.

H. R. 4362. An act granting a pension to Cynthia A. Mizelle.

H. R. 4382. An act granting a pension to Jonathan Roberts.

H. R. 4943. An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to make and enforce regulations relative to the sale of coal, and also building regulations.

H. R. 127. An act for the relief of Daniel Compton, of Troy, Bradford County, Pennsylvania.

H. R. 4377. An act granting a pension to William Coggswell.

H. R. 4367. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Sarah A. Bell.

H. R. 3564. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Isabell Dunbar, widow of Daniel Dunbar, late first engineer on steamer Victor No. 2.

H. R. 4387. An act granting a pension to James C. Bates.

H. R. 3283. An act for the relief of Andrew J. Worth.

H. R. 2057. An act to amend the charter of the Mutual Fire-Insurance Company of the District of Columbia.

H. R. 182. A joint resolution for the benefit of the penny-lunch house of the city of Washington, District of Columbia.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills and resolution were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 980) for the relief of Charles Collins; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Saulsbury the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills and joint resolution; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 811. A bill for the relief of Henry L. James.

S. 885. A bill to amend the act approved September 27, 1850, creating the office of surveyor-general of Oregon, providing for the survey and making donations to settlers of the public lands in Oregon, and also the act amendatory thereof, approved February 14, A. D. 1853.

S. 1306. A bill for the relief of the estate of Augustin Maurin, deceased.

S. 1307. A bill directing the Secretary of War to purchase a lot of ground, situated near the city of Columbus, Ohio, now used by the United States as a cemetery.

S. 1309. A bill granting an increase of pension to Isabella H. Silvey.

S. 1310. A bill granting a pension to Edmund R. Batchelder.

S. 1335. A bill for the relief of James Vance and William Vance.

S. 1146. A bill for the relief of Monroe Donoho.

S. 1297. A bill for the protection of dairymen, and to prevent deception in sales of butter and cheese in the District of Columbia.

S. 31. A joint resolution approving the adverse decision of the Commissioner of the General Land Office in the claim of Anna M. Clark.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills and joint resolution were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 577. A bill to provide for the appointment of a district judge for the western district of Tennessee.

S. 773. A bill making a pre-emption grant to the heirs of Jean Babtiste Beaubien, deceased, for a part of Fort Dearborn reservation, at Chicago, Illinois, and to confirm purchasers of other parts in their titles, and to convey to the city of Chicago the streets and alleys of said reservation.

S. 774. A bill authorizing the Solicitor of the Treasury, by and with the consent of the Secretary of War, to cancel certain contracts for the sale of lots of land made at Harper's Ferry in the year 1869 by the United States, to resell the same, and sell or lease all other real estate and riparian rights now owned by the United States at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.

S. 984. A bill for the relief of William H. Merritt.

H. R. 4384. An act granting a pension to Daniel Donnelly.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

On motion by Mr. Harris,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 2319) to provide for the appointment of a district judge for the western district of Tennessee, and for other purposes.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5066) authorizing the Solicitor of the Treasury, by and with the consent of the Secretary of War, to cancel certain contracts for the sale of lots of land made at Harper's Ferry in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine by the United States, to resell the same, and sell or lease all other real estate and riparian rights now owned by the United States at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the bills H. R. 2319 and H. R. 5066 as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to the third reading.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, they were reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in:

S. 566. A bill in relation to the Venezuelan Mixed Commission.

S. 1102. A bill to authorize the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, respectively, to commence and prosecute suits against the United States in the Supreme Court of the United States.

Ordered, That the bills be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1305) for the relief of Greenleaf Cilley; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Blaine, it was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 2401) to authorize the claimants to certain land in Santa Barbara County, California, to submit their claim to the United States district court for that State for adjudication; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Sargent, it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The bill (H. R. 2153) providing for the payment of counsel fees in the Osage ceded land cases was read the second time.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1338) to provide for the purchase of a building at New Berne, North Carolina, to be used as a post-office and United States court, and for the accommodation of United States internal-revenue officials, and for other purposes; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Morrill, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended by inserting after the word "court" the word *house*.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 36) to reorganize the judiciary of the District of Columbia, and to expedite the administration of justice in said District; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act to create an additional associate justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, and for the better administration of justice in said District."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent, at 6 o'clock and 5 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 1878.

The following message was received from the President of the United States by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

In transmitting herewith to Congress a communication from the Secretary of State on the subject of the conference provided for in the act of February 28, 1878, entitled "An act to authorize the coinage of the standard silver dollar and to restore its legal-tender character," I respectfully recommend that an adequate appropriation be made for certain expenses of the conference and of the commissioners attending the same on behalf of the United States, as suggested in the communication of the Secretary of State.

R. B. HAYES.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, *June* 12, 1878.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations and be printed.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the

Senate of April 16, 1878, information in relation to balances alleged to be due from collectors of internal revenue; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Armstrong presented two memorials of citizens of Saint Louis, Missouri, remonstrating against any reduction of the tax on tobacco, and praying that if a reduction shall be made that holders of stocks thereof upon which the tax has been paid shall be entitled to a drawback, equal in amount to the amount of such reduction; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion by Mr. Kirkwood,

Ordered, That Mrs. E. H. Lyford have leave to withdraw her petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Withers,

Ordered, That the legal representatives of James Barnett, deceased, have leave to withdraw their petition and papers from the files of the Senate on leaving copies with the Secretary.

On motion by Mr. Anthony,

Ordered, That the Committee on Printing have leave to sit during the recess of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Ordered, That Mr. Blaine be excused from service as a manager at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 4867) making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the vacancy be filled by the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Sargent.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The joint resolution (H. R. 191) received on the 11th instant from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3862) for the relief of E. B. Head, postmaster at Harrodsburg, Kentucky, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Ransom, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 899) to aid the Great Southern Railway Company (consolidated) to construct a line of railway in the States of Georgia and Florida, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 514) thereon.

Mr. McDonald, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5137) to legalize the collection of head-moneys already paid, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Booth, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the petition of Angeline C. Pusey, widow of Lea Pusey, deceased, submitted an adverse report (No. 507) thereon, and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred the memorial of Joseph Segar, submitted a report (No. 509) thereon, accompanied by the following resolution:

Resolved, That there be allowed and paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate to Joseph Segar the sum of five thousand dollars, in full compensation for his expenses in prosecuting his claim to a seat in the Senate as a Senator from the State of Virginia.

Mr. Dorsey, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1027) to levy a tax on the sale of spirituous and

malt liquors in bar-rooms and all places where intoxicants are sold by the drink in the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance, to whom was recommitted the bill (H. R. 3828) to amend section twenty-three of the act approved June 22, 1874, entitled "An act to amend customs revenue laws and to repeal moieties," reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1496) for the relief of George H. Giddings, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 508) thereon.

Mr. Plumb, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill (S. 26) to donate a portion of the military reservation of Fort Harker to the State of Kansas for the establishment of an educational or charitable institution, and to open the remainder of said reservation to settlement, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 510) thereon.

Mr. Matthews, from the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1316) to aid in the construction of the Corpus Christi, San Diego and Rio Grande Railroad, reported it without recommendation.

Mr. Booth, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the petition of Henry S. Van de Carr and Elsie M. Reynolds, administrators of the estate of Rensselaer Reynolds, deceased, and Gordon B. Reynolds, submitted a report (No. 511) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1394) to authorize Henry S. Van de Carr and Elsie M. Reynolds to make application to the Commissioner of Patents for the extension of the patent granted to Rensselaer Reynolds and Gordon B. Reynolds; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Wadleigh, from the Committee on Patents, to whom was referred the memorial of George W. Hubbard and W. E. Conant, submitted a report (No. 512) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1395) for the relief of George W. Hubbard and William E. Conant; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Christiancy, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5070) to detach certain territory from the eastern judicial district of Michigan and to attach the same to the western judicial district of Michigan, and to provide for divisions in said western district and for holding the district and circuit courts therein, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

Mr. Christiancy, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3658) to change the time of holding the regular terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the

Western district of Michigan, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of A. D. Wharton, reported a bill (S. 1396) to remove the political disabilities of A. D. Wharton, of the State of Tennessee; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved (*two-thirds of the Senators present concurring*), That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Teller, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Ben Holladay, submitted a report (No. 513), accompanied by a bill (S. 1398) for the relief of Ben Holladay; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Harris asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 1397) to incorporate the Mount Pleasant Railroad Company of the District of Columbia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Mitchell submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That the Public Printer be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to have printed for the use of the Senate, from the electrotype plates to be furnished by the author, under the supervision of the author, an edition of——copies of a work entitled "The Governmental History of the United States of America, from the earliest settlement to the adoption of the present Federal Constitution," one volume octavo, in four parts, pages 1006, by Henry Sherman, esq., counselor at law, 1861. And that for the use of said plates and copyright the Secretary of the Senate pay to the author at the rate of $4 per copy for each copy of said edition of said work.

Mr. Dorsey submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to continue the employment of the pages of the Senate up to and including the 30th day of June, 1878, at their regular per-diem pay; and the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the committee clerks of the Senate their per-diem pay up to and including the same date.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution reported by him June 10, 1878, to authorize a subcommittee of the Committee on the District of Columbia to sit during the recess of Congress to consider and examine into various plans for the improvement of the sanitary condition of the District of Columbia; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

H. R. 4945. An act for the preservation of game and protection of birds in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 2226. An act granting a pension to Charles H. Bugbee, late a private in Company A, Third Vermont Volunteers.

H. R. 3166. An act granting a pension to Agatha O'Brien, widow of John P. J. O'Brien, brevet major United States Army.

H. R. 1434. An act granting a pension to John Langland, late private of Company B, First Michigan Sharpshooters.

H. R. 4616. An act to incorporate the National Fair Grounds Association.

H. R. 224. An act for the relief of Thomas A. Nicholson.

H. R. 739. An act for the relief of Henry Plowman.

H. R. 627. An act to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Alfred Rouland.

H. R. 699. An act to restore certain lands in Iowa to settlement under the homestead law, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 561. A bill granting a pension to William H. Nims.

S. 1332. A bill granting a pension to John G. Merritt.

S. 1268. A bill to authorize the Secretary of War to convey to Jacob A. T. Wendell, Henry Van Allen, and John R. Bailey a part of the military reservation of Fort Mackinac.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3708) to regulate the practice of pharmacy in the District of Columbia; and the reported amendments having been disagreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1962) for the relief of Jane Clark, Margaret A. Jack, Justina Peterson, and Mary Johnson; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended by striking out "Johnson" and inserting *Johanson*.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. McDonald submitted a motion that the Senate reconsider its vote on the passage of the bill (S. 415) for the relief of Ella Long.

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to request the House of Representatives to return the said bill to the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1090) for the relief of Lawrence A. Williams; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Military Affairs having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1247) for the relief of Mrs. E. H. Powers; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 4246) making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed thirty-six enrolled bills (S. 1047, H. R. 127, H. R. 134, H. R. 519, H. R. 522, H. R. 710, H. R. 844, H. R. 1175, H. R. 1308, H. R. 1551, H. R. 1688, H. R. 2057, H. R. 2319, H. R. 2936, H. R. 3103, H. R. 3106, H. R. 3109, H. R. 3119, H. R. 3257, H. R. 3283, H. R. 3564, H. R. 3573, H. R. 3578, H. R. 3579, H. R. 4361, H. R. 4362, H. R. 4367, H. R. 4373, H. R. 4376, H. R. 4377, H. R. 4382, H. R. 4387, H. R. 4525, H. R. 4943, H. R. 5066, and H. R. 5117) and two enrolled joint resolutions (H. R. 182 and H. R. 193), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolutions:

S. 1047. An act regulating the appointment of cadet-midshipmen and cadet-engineers in the Naval Academy, and for other purposes.

H. R. 127. An act for the relief of Daniel Compton, of Troy, Bradford, County, Pennsylvania.

H. R. 134. An act for the relief of Jacob G. Croman, of Dickinson, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

H. R. 519. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Ellen P. Foster, widow of Edwin R. Foster, deceased, late first lieutenant of Company G, in the Eightieth Illinois Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 522. An act granting a pension to James B. Gillispie, late captain Company I, One hundred and twentieth Regiment Illinois Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 710. An act granting a pension to Jane D. Cotten.

H. R. 844. An act granting a pension to Mary Martin, mother, by adoption, of James R. Martin, late a private in the Fifth Regiment Vermont Volunteers.

H. R. 1175. An act granting a pension to George Silvers, private Company E, Fifty-seventh Regiment United States Volunteers.

H. R. 1308. An act for the relief of Daniel Small, a soldier of the war in 1812.

H. R. 1551. An act for the relief of Mrs. Emma A. Porch, of Centretown, Missouri.

H. R. 1688. An act to restore the name of Hamilton Ryne to the pension-rolls.

H. R. 2057. An act to amend the charter of the Mutual Fire-Insurance Company of the District of Columbia.

H. R. 2319. An act to provide for the appointment of a district judge for the western district of Tennessee, and for other purposes.

H. R. 2936. An act granting a pension to George R. Whitehead.

H. R. 3103. An act for the relief of Oliver Yake, of Sanilac County, Michigan.

H. R. 3106. An act granting a pension to Daniel W. Martin, a private in Company A, Fifty-seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteers.

H. R. 3109. An act granting a pension to Margaret Keuah, widow of Patrick Keuah, late a private of Company D, First United States Artillery.

H. R. 3119. An act for the relief of John D. Thomas.

H. R. 3257. An act for the relief of William H. Merritt.

H. R. 3283. An act for the relief of Andrew J. Worth.

H. R. 3564. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Isabell Dunbar, widow of Daniel Dunbar, late first engineer on steamer Victor No. 2.

H. R. 3573. An act granting a pension to Charles G. Galezis.

H. R. 3578. An act granting a pension Julia J. Wheeler.

H. R. 3579. An act granting a pension to Philip Henry.

H. R. 4361. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth Winters.

H. R. 4362. An act granting a pension to Cynthia A. Mizelle.

H. R. 4367. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Sarah A. Bell.

H. R. 4373. An act granting a pension to Mary I. Lebow.

H. R. 4376. An act granting a pension to James G. Williams.

H. R. 4377. An act granting a pension to William Cogswell.

H. R. 4382. An act granting a pension to Jonathan Roberts.

H. R. 4387. An act granting a pension to James C. Bates.

H. R. 4525. An act for the relief of Charles O. Allebone.

H. R. 4943. An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to make and enforce regulations relative to the sale of coal, and also building regulations.

H. R. 5066. An act authorizing the Solicitor of the Treasury, by and with the consent of the Secretary of War, to cancel certain contracts for the sale of lots of land made at Harper's Ferry, in the year 1869, by the United States, to resell the same, and sell or lease all other real-estate and riparian rights now owned by the United States at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.

H. R. 5117. An act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and prior years, and for those heretofore treated as permanent, for reappropriations, and for other purposes.

H. R. 182. Joint resolution for the benefit of the penny-lunch house of the city of Washington, District of Columbia.

H. R. 193. Joint resolution to allow the Secretary of the Navy to purchase plate-iron and other material used in the construction of steam-boilers for the United States Navy.

On motion by Mr. Voorhees, that the Senate resume the consideration of the bill (H. R. 805) to repeal all that part of the act approved January 14, 1875, known as the resumption act, which authorized the

Secretary of the Treasury to dispose of United States bonds and redeem and cancel the greenback currency,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 30 / Nays 28

On motion by Mr. Eaton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dennis, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Patterson, Plumb, Ransom, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Dawes, Eaton, Hoar, Howe, Kernan, Kirkwood, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Wadleigh, Whyte, Windom.

So the motion was agreed to; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and,

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Matthews,

After debate,

Mr. Matthews withdrew the amendment.

The reported amendment having been amended on the motion of Mr. Ferry,

On motion by Mr. McDonald to further amend the amendment by striking out in line 6, section 1, the word "October," and in lieu thereof inserting *July*,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 28 / Nays 30

On motion by Mr. Ferry,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dennis, Eustis, Gordon, Hereford, Johnston, Jones of Nevada, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Plumb, Saunders, Spencer, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Ferry, Hill, Hoar, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kernan, Kirkwood, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Morrill, Paddock, Patterson, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Voorhees to amend the reported amendment by striking out all after the word "That" in the first line and in lieu thereof inserting, *from and after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, United States notes shall be receivable the same as coin in payment for the four per centum bonds now authorized by law to be issued, and for duties on imports; and that so much of the act of January fourteen, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An act to provide for the resumption of specie payments" as reads as follows: "And on and after the first day of January, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, the Secretary of the Treasury shall redeem, in coin, the United States legal-tender notes then outstanding, on their presentation for redemption,*

at the office of the assistant treasurer of the United States, in the city of New York, in sums of not less than fifty dollars; and to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to prepare and provide for the redemption in this act authorized or required, he is authorized to use any surplus revenues, from time to time, in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and to issue, sell, and dispose of, at not less than par, in coin, either of the descriptions of bonds of the United States described in the act of Congress approved July fourteen, eighteen hundred and seventy, entitled 'An act to authorize the refunding of the national debt,' with like qualities, privileges, and exemptions, to the extent necessary to carry this act into full effect, and to use the proceeds thereof for the purpose aforesaid," be, and the same is hereby, repealed,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 29 / Nays 32

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dennis, Eustis, Gordon, Hereford, Hill, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Nevada, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Plumb, Spencer, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Ferry, Hoar, Howe, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Morrill, Paddock, Patterson, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

On the question to agree to the reported amendment as amended, viz, strike out all after the enacting clause of the bill, and in lieu thereof insert the following:

That from and after the passage of this act United States notes shall be receivable the same as coin in payment for the four per centum bonds now authorized by law to be issued; and on and after October first, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, said notes shall be receivable for duties on imports.

SEC. 2. *All laws and parts of laws inconsistent with this act shall be, and hereby are, repealed,*

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 30 / Nays 29

On motion of Mr. Voorhees,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Burnside, Butler, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Ferry, Hill, Hoar, Howe, Kellogg, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Morrill, Paddock, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dennis, Eustis, Gordon, Hereford, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Patterson, Plumb, Spencer, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Withers.

So the amendment was agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....45 / Nays.....15

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Christiancy, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Hereford, Hill, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Randolph, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Burnside, Butler, Dawes, Eaton, Hoar, Kernan, Lamar, McPherson, Morrill, Patterson, Rollins, Sargent, Wadleigh.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act to make United States notes receivable for duties on imports and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 2) releasing C. C. Webb, Ira P. Rankin, and the other sureties on the official bond of Frank Soule, late collector of internal revenue for the first district of California; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act releasing Frank Soule, late collector of internal revenue for the first district of California, and his sureties from liability on his official bond."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

H. R. 1897. An act to remove the political disabilities of W. E. Evans, a citizen of Louisiana.

H. R. 3276. An act to remove the political disabilities of William C. Whittle, of Virginia.

H. R. 3314. An act to remove the political disabilities of John T. Mason, of Maryland.

H. R. 4568. An act to remove the political disabilities of Robert T. Chapman, of Wharton County, Texas.

H. R. 4550. An act to remove the political disabilities of Thomas L. Moore, of the State of Virginia.

H. R. 977. An act to remove the political disabilities of John Green, senior, of Alabama.

H. R. 1638. An act to remove the political disabilities of Albert Miller Lea, of Navarro County, Texas.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved (*two-thirds of the Senators present concurring*), That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 1362. A bill for the removal of the political disabilities of H. A. Edmondson, of Virginia.

S. 1052. A bill to remove the political disabilities of William W. Loring.

S. 1363. A bill to relieve the political disabilities of E. Kirby Smith, of Tennessee.

S. 1364. A bill to remove the political disabilities of William P. Smith.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved (*two-thirds of the Senators present concurring*), That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 1283. A bill for the relief of James A. Barr.

S. 1352. A bill to restore the property known as the "State Military Academy," or "Citadel," in the city of Charleston, South Carolina, to the State of South Carolina.

S. 1365. A bill to place Lewis Leffman, ordnance-sergeant, on the Army retired-list.

S. 1366. A bill for the relief of Robert Spaugh.

S. 1367. A bill to aid in the protection of the public buildings and property against damage by fire.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Thurman,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1368) in relation to the Kansas Pacific Railroad, and to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; and an amendment having been proposed by Mr. Hoar,

On motion by Mr. Thurman, at 6 o'clock and 3 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* signed the thirty-six enrolled bills (S. 1047, H. R. 127, H. R. 134, H. R. 519, H. R. 522, H. R. 710, H. R. 844, H. R.

1175, H. R. 1308, H. R. 1551, H. R. 1688, H. R. 2057, H. R. 2319, H. R. 2936, H. R. 3103, H. R. 3106, H. R. 3109, H. R. 3119, H. R. 3257, H. R. 3283, H. R. 3564, H. R. 3573, H. R. 3578, H. R. 3579, H. R. 4361, H. R. 4362, H. R. 4367, H. R. 4373, H. R. 4376, H. R. 4377, H. R. 4382, H. R. 4387, H. R. 4525, H. R. 4943, H. R. 5066, and H. R. 5117) and the two enrolled joint resolutions (H. R. 182 and H. R. 193) yesterday reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of tobacco-dealers of Philadelphia, praying the passage of a law reducing the tax on tobacco; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Conkling presented the petition of Margaret Conley, widow of M. Conley, late of Company A, Seventy-seventh Regiment, New York Volunteers, praying to be allowed arrears of pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Voorhees presented papers in relation to the application of Jesse Saunders to be allowed a pension; which were referred to the Committee on Pensions.

On motion by Mr. Rollins,

Ordered, That the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate have leave to sit during the recess, and the necessary expenses thereof be paid out of the contingent fund.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the following bills, reported them without amendment, and that they ought not to pass:

S. 98. A bill to divide the State of Nebraska into two judicial districts.

H. R. 5067. An act to divide the western district of Missouri into two divisions, and to prescribe the times and places for holding courts therein, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bills as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John H. Perkins, of Covington, Kentucky, submitted an adverse report (No. 515) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Clarissa Bishop, submitted an adverse report (No. 517) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of William B. Webb, administrator of James Le Caze, deceased, submitted an adverse report (No. 519) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Harris, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Frances A. Robinson, administratrix of the estate of John M. Robinson, deceased, submitted a report (No. 516) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1399) for the relief of Frances A. Robinson, administratrix of the estate of John M. Robinson, deceased; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3861) to reimburse Richard Joseph for money paid on forged vouchers, reported it without amendment and submitted a report (No. 520) thereon.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 191) for the relief of John Fletcher, reported it without amendment and submitted a report (No. 521) thereon.

Mr. Morgan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4327) for the relief of certain laborers employed upon the government works, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. McDonald, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1330) to quiet title of settlers on the Des Moines River lands, in the State of Iowa, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 522) thereon.

Mr. Kellogg, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4976) to increase the pension of certain pensioned soldiers and sailors who have lost both their hands, or both their feet, or the sight of both eyes in the service of their country, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and the reported amendment having been amended on the motion of Mr. Hoar,

On the question to agree to the amendment as amended,

It was determined in the negative.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Dawes, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4802) for construction of a public building for use by the United States Government in the city of New York, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 431) to provide for the holding of terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

On motion by Mr. Merrimon,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from the

further consideration of the bill (H. R. 4024) to provide for the holding of a term of the district court of the United States at the city of Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Merrimon, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill, as amended, was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois, that the Senate reconsider its votes on the passage of the foregoing bills (H. R. 431 and H. R. 4024),

Ordered, That the consideration of the motion be postponed to to-morrow.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and joint resolution:

S. 1208. An act authorizing the publication, for sale, of an edition of the Narrative of the Polar Expedition.

S. 1272. An act to amend section 4127 of the Revised Statutes of the United States in relation to the judicial powers and functions of consuls.

S. 34. A joint resolution granting the use of artillery, tents, &c., at the soldiers' reunion to be held at Centerville, Iowa.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution, submitted by Mr. Paddock on the 12th instant, to print thirty thousand copies of the first annual report of the United States commission relating to the Rocky Mountain locust, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution; and the reported amendment having been disagreed to,

The resolution was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution, submitted by Mr. Windom May 28, 1878, to print seven hundred copies of the first volume of the report of the Select Committee on Transportation-Routes to the Seaboard, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution; and

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Oglesby, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the memorial of William McGarrahan, reported adversely thereon; and,

On motion by Mr. Oglesby,

Ordered, That the committee have leave to file a written report hereafter, in case they so desire.

Mr. Wadleigh, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was referred the joint resolution (S. 12) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, submitted an adverse report (No. 523) thereon; and,

On motion by Mr. Wadleigh,

Ordered, That Mr. Hoar have leave to submit hereafter the views of the minority of the Committee on Privileges and Elections on the foregoing resolution, and that they be printed to accompany the report.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2741) granting a pension to William H. Deery, Company G, Second Pennsylvania Volunteers, Mexican war, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4370) granting a pension to Catharine Harris, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 524) thereon.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4363) granting a pension to Levi J. Friel, late private Company K, Seventy-seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1625) granting a pension to Abram V. Miller, late a lieutenant in Company E, of the One hundred and eighty-fourth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 525) thereon.

Mr. Cameron of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2421) for the relief of H. H. Lemon, member of the Capitol Police force, for injuries received while in the discharge of his duties, in the year 1870, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 526) thereon.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3575) granting an increase of pension to Josephine Dale Thomas, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Bruce, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3117) granting a pension to Susan L. Watson, widow of Adolphus E. Watson, late pay director in the naval service of the United States, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 527) thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Bailey, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3605) restoring the name of Marcellus Wilson, of the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen, in the Mexican war, to the pension-roll, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4421) granting a pension to August Mellon, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 528) thereon.

Mr. Kellogg, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3565) granting a pension to Doctor P. F. Reuss, late surgeon Seventh New York Volunteers, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 529) thereon.

Mr. Saulsbury, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1005) for the relief of Patrick H. Jones, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2242) for the relief of William T. Malster, of Baltimore, Maryland, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 518) thereon.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed by the resolution of the Senate of January 23, 1878, to inquire into the alleged reinstatement of Lemuel J. Draper to the Medical Corps of the Navy, submitted a report (No. 530) thereon.

Mr. Grover, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 825) for the relief of William L. White, reported it without amendment.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (S. 672) to protect the United States against fraudulent claims, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. McMillan, from the Committee on Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (S. 835) to provide for the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at Decatur, Nebraska, reported it with an amendment.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin: A bill (S. 1400) granting a pension to Mrs. Lucy Bassett; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. McDonald: A bill (S. 1401) to provide an additional fund for the repayment to the United States of the moneys advanced in aid of the Union Pacific Railroad Company; to the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Voorhees: A bill (S. 1402) granting a pension to Jesse Saunders; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Kellogg: A bill (S. 1403) to aid the completion of the soldiers' and sailors' monument at Chalmette national cemetery, Louisiana; to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Morgan asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 39) authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to the governor of Alabama such tents, poles, and pins as he may require for the use of the volunteers of the State at their annual encampment; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said joint resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Windom submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to inform the Senate what amount has been expended by the United States for the various public works of the government in each State and Territory of the Union, from June 30, 1873, to June 30, 1878, together with the expenditures of the government in aid of the construction of canals, railroads, and wagon-roads, during the same period.

Mr. Windom submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved (*the House of Representatives concurring*), That the time fixed by the two houses of Congress for the final adjournment of the second session of the Forty-fifth Congress is hereby extended to 12 o'clock meridian on Thursday the 20th day of June, current, and at that time the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall adjourn their respective houses without day.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds be instructed to inquire into the means of improving the ventilation of the Senate Chamber, and report at the next session of Congress.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill (S. 1404) to provide for the holding of a term of the district and circuit courts of the United States at Lincoln, Nebraska; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the following joint resolutions of the Senate:

S. 36. Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to deliver to the city of Winterset, Madison County, Iowa, four cannon and carriages for the soldiers' monument in said city.

S. 37. Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to the governor of North Carolina such tents, poles, and pins as he may require for the use of the militia and volunteer organizations of the State at their summer and fall encampment.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills and joint resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 2294. An act to authorize the Secretary of War to place upon the rolls of Company H, Ninth Regiment West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, the name of William S. Massie.

H. R. 5049. An act authorizing the settlement of the claim of the estate of the late Rear-Admiral John A. Dahlgren.

H. R. 5130. An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

H. R. 81. A joint resolution asking for investigation in the case of Edward O. M. Condon.

H. R. 184. A joint resolution granting the use of hospital tents at the soldiers' and sailors' reunion to be held at Newark, Ohio.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed ten enrolled bills (H. R. 224, H. R. 627, H. R. 699, H. R. 1434, H. R. 2226, H. R. 3166, H. R. 3708, H. R. 4246, H. R. 4616, and H. R. 4945), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 224. An act for the relief of Thomas A. Nicholson.

H. R. 627. An act to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Alfred Rouland.

H. R. 699. An act to restore certain lands in Iowa to settlement under the homestead law, and for other purposes.

H. R. 1434. An act granting a pension to John Langland, late a private of Company B, First Michigan Sharpshooters.

H. R. 2226. An act granting a pension to Charles H. Bugbee, late a private in Company A, Third Vermont Volunteers.

H. R. 3166. An act granting a pension to Agatha O'Brien, widow of John P. J. O'Brien, brevet major United States Army.

H. R. 3708. An act to regulate the practice of pharmacy in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 4246. An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

H. R. 4616. An act to incorporate the National Fair Grounds Association.

H. R. 4945. An act for the preservation of game and protection of birds in the District of Columbia.

The joint resolution (H. R. 81) asking for investigation in the case of Edward O. M. Condon, this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The bills (H. R. 2294, H. R. 5049, and H. R. 5130) and the joint resolution (H. R. 184) this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bill H. R. 2294 and the joint resolution H. R. 184 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that the bill H. R. 5049 be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, and that the bill H. R. 5130 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The President *pro tempore* signed the ten enrolled bills (H. R. 224, H. R. 627, H. R. 699, H. R. 1434, H. R. 2226, H. R. 3166, H. R. 3708, H. R. 4246, H. R. 4616, and H. R. 4945) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 138. An act for the relief of settlers on the public lands under the pre-emption laws.

S. 396. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to encourage the growth of timber on the western prairies."

S. 766. An act to legalize certain patents issued to members of the Pottawatomie tribe of Indians.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 5136) for the relief of John B. Nix, of Miller County, Arkansas; in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives has disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 4236) making appropriations for the construction, repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes. It asks a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has ap-

pointed Mr. Reagan, Mr. Kenna, and Mr. Dunnell managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has passed the following resolution; which I am directed to communicate to the Senate:

Resolved, That House bill (No. 4286) to establish post-routes in the several States herein named, with the Senate amendments thereto, be returned to the Senate, as a part of said amendments are in the nature of and constitute a revenue bill.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the bill of the House (H. R. 4236) making appropriations for the construction, repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and

On motion by Mr. Sargent that the Senate recede from its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 24 / Nays..... 36

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Christiancy, Coke, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Harris, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace, Whyte.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Barnum, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Conover, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Lamar, McMillan, McPherson, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Oglesby, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Ransom, Saunders, Spencer, Windom, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Spencer that the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agree to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon,

It was determined in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Spencer, Mr. McMillan, and Mr. Ransom.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider the message of the House of Representatives returning to the Senate the bill (H. R. 4286) to establish post-routes in the several States herein named,

When

Mr. Ferry submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Whereas the Senate has received from the House of Representatives a resolution in the following words:

"*Resolved*, That House bill (No. 4286) to establish post-routes in the several States herein named, with the Senate amendments thereto, be returned to the Senate, as a part of said amendments are in the nature of and constitute a revenue bill"—

"*Resolved*, That a committee of conference be appointed to confer

with a like committee on the part of the House touching the matters of difference between the two houses indicated by said House resolution, and invite the House to agree to such conference.

Ordered, That the committee be appointed by the Presiding Officer; and

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Ingalls in the chair) appointed Mr. Ferry, Mr. Kirkwood, and Mr. Maxey.

Ordered, That the Secretary communicate the resolution to the House of Representatives.

The bill (H. R. 5136) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion by Mr. Matthews that the Senate reconsider its vote postponing the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 176) to provide for the enforcement of the eight-hour law to the first Monday in December next,

Ordered, That the consideration of the motion be postponed to to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 3548) making appropriations for the payment of claims reported allowed by the Commissioners of Claims, under the act of Congress of March 3, 1871.

The House of Representatives further insists upon disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 4104) making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes. It asks a further conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Atkins, Mr. Durham, and Mr. Foster managers at the same on its part.

Mr. Windom, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 4104) making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, reported that, having met, after full and free conference the committee were unable to agree; and

On motion by Mr. Windom that the Senate further insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agree to the second conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 59 / Nays 2

On motion by Mr. Windom,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Cockrell, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Hoar, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McDonald, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Morrill, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace, Whyte, Windom, and Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Coke and McCreery.

So the motion was agreed to.

Ordered, That the conferees be appointed by the Presiding Officer; and

The Presiding Officer (Mr. Ingalls in the chair) appointed Mr. Windom, Mr. Allison, and Mr. Beck.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3978) to authorize the Barataria Ship-Canal Company to construct and operate a ship-canal from New Orleans to the Gulf of Mexico through the lands and waters of the United States, and to grant to said company the right of way for that purpose; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate:

H. R. 82. An act for the relief of Alexander Anderson, late first lieutenant Fourteenth New York Volunteer Cavalry.

H. R. 1966. For the relief of J. H. Duncan, postmaster at Elberton, Georgia.

H. R. 234. An act for the relief of John F. Andrews, postmaster at Washington, Georgia.

H. R. 5137. An act to legalize the collection of head-moneys already paid.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The President *pro tempore* announced that the morning hour had expired, and called up the unfinished business of the Senate at its adjournment yesterday, viz, the bill (S. 1368) in relation to the Kansas Pacific Railroad, and to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July 1, 1862, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, in amendment of said first-named act; and

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the said bill; and

The question being on the amendment yesterday proposed by Mr. Hoar,

Mr. Hoar withdrew the amendment.

A further amendment having been proposed by Mr. Hoar, and the same having been amended on the motion of Mr. Christiancy,

The amendment as amended was agreed to.

No further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 95) authorizing the construction of a first-class light-house on Tillamook Head, Oregon; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 5052) to amend section 3835 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended by adding thereto *relating to deficiency in postmasters' accounts.*

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1238) to levy a tax on the sale of spirituous and malt liquors in bar-rooms and all places where intoxicants are sold by the drink in the District of Columbia; and,

An amendment to the reported amendment having been proposed by Mr. Cameron, of Wisconsin,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed to to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1337) creating a board to be known as "The Pacific Railroad Commissioners"; and the reported amendment having been amended on the motion of Mr. Thurman and the motion of Mr. Hill, was agreed to as amended, and the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and,

On motion by Mr. Conkling, at 5 o'clock and 45 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1878.

Mr. Wallace presented three memorials of citizens of Pennsylvania, remonstrating against any change in the present tariff laws; which were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Whyte presented a memorial of citizens of Baltimore, remonstrating against any change in the present tariff on tobacco; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Whyte presented the petition of Robert C. Buchanan, United States Army, praying compensation for the use by the government of his patent for a canvas portable boat, and for damages from the infringement of his said patent; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Conkling presented a memorial of Robert G. Wheeler and others, of Brooklyn, New York, remonstrating against the present war upon the Indians, and praying in its stead an investigation into the wrongs of said Indians; which was referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

Mr. Dennis presented the petition of Joseph H. Maddox, praying compensation for property alleged to have been seized and appropriated by United States military forces during the late civil war; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a memorial of the Association for the Advancement of Women, praying that the tenth census may contain a just enumeration of women as laborers and producers, also wages of women, also causes of pauperism and crime, and that women may be employed to collect vital statistics concerning women and children; which was referred to the select committee to make provisions for taking the tenth census and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Maxey presented a letter of the Secretary of War, addressed to him, transmitting papers in relation to improvement and repair of the United States barracks at Austin, Texas; which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1304) for the relief of Robert C. Walker, late paymaster United States Army, reported it with amendments, and submitted a report (No. 533) thereon.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 537) for the relief of William P. Hazard, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 535) thereon.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 129) donating the military reservation of Fort Smith, Arkansas, to the city of Fort Smith for free schools, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 536) thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Wadleigh, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of William H. Morgan, submitted a report (No. 537) thereon, accompanied by a bill (S. 1405) for the relief of William H. Morgan; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 947) for the relief of Major Jacob E. Burbank, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 538) thereon.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of the following bills and joint resolution:

S. 105. A bill to provide lawful note and currency for the United States.

S. 625. A bill to repeal certain acts and parts of acts relating to the taxation of the deposits of savings-banks.

S. 836. A bill to authorize the deposit of silver bullion or bars, and the issue of certificates therefor.

S. 923. A bill providing for the payment of all customs duties and all

other debts due to the United States in legal-tender notes at par, except in cases where it is otherwise expressly stipulated on the face of the obligation or contract.

S. 2. A joint resolution authorizing the appointment of commissioners to ascertain on what terms a reciprocal treaty of commerce with the Republic of Mexico can be arranged.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5049) authorizing a settlement of the claim of the estate of Rear-Admiral John A. Dahlgren, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5179) relative to examinations for promotions in the Navy, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Hoar, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2883) for the relief of Murphy and Good, of Indianapolis, Indiana, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1023) to remove the political disabilities of John H. Moore, reported it without amendment, and submitted an adverse report (No. 539) thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and, no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1354) to confer upon Army boards of the United States Army, organized by the President to review sentences of courts-martial, authority to compel attendance of witnesses and to send for persons and papers, as is now given by law to courts-martial, and for other purposes, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Burnside,

Ordered, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of John Gotshall.

Mr. Burnside, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of citizens of Indianapolis for the passage of a law placing John C. Fremont on the retired-list of the Army, with the rank of brigadier-general, reported adversely thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Samuel Marshall, submitted an adverse report (No. 532) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

Mr. Wadleigh, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of Colonel James T. Shelley, submitted an adverse report (No. 534) thereon; and

The report was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be discharged from the further consideration of sundry petitions and memorials relating to the payment of internal-revenue tax on spirits in bond, the resumption of specie payments, the coinage of silver, &c.

Mr. Wadleigh, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, who were instructed by the resolution of the Senate of March 9, 1877, to investigate certain matters touching the election of La Fayette Grover as a Senator from the State of Oregon, submitted a report (No. 540), with a recommendation that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution, and that any member of said committee

have leave to present to the Senate, at the present or the next session, his views in writing upon said testimony; and

Leave was granted as requested.

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to request the House of Representatives to return to the Senate the bill (S. 1088) to provide for the revision and correction of assessments for special improvements in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Mr. Conkling submitted a motion that the Senate reconsider its vote on the passage of the bill (H. R. 5137) to legalize the collection of head-moneys already paid; and,

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to request the House of Representatives to return the said bill to the Senate.

Mr. Maxey asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 1406) making an appropriation for the repair and improvements of the United States barracks at Austin, Texas; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Morgan asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 40) proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States in relation to appropriations; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Howe submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That William E. Spencer be appointed Chief Clerk in place of William J. McDonald, deceased.

On motion by Mr. Paddock,

Ordered, That Augustus Sprague have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

Ordered, That Margaret A. Spencer have leave to withdraw her petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States yesterday approved and signed the following acts and joint resolution:

S. 1208. An act authorizing the publication, for sale, of an edition of the Narrative of the Polaris Expedition.

S. 1272. An act to amend section 4127 of the Revised Statutes of the United States in relation to the judicial powers and functions of consuls.

S. 34. A joint resolution granting the use of artillery, tents, and so forth, at the soldiers' reunion to be held at Centerville, Iowa.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Bruce,

Ordered, That Nannie Hall have leave to withdraw her petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

Mr. Sargent, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 4867) making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 4867) making appro-

priations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 7, 8, 11, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, 27, and 63.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments numbered 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 24, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 51, 53, 55, 62, and 64, and agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 3, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out, in lines 12, 13, and 14, page 1 of the bill, as follows:

"*Provided, however*, That not exceeding five hundred recruits in addition thereto may be kept at recruiting-stations, as the necessities of the service may require;"

And the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 9, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out the word "seventy," wherever it occurs in said amendment, and insert in lieu thereof the word *fifteen;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 20, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Strike out "eighty," and insert in lieu thereof *sixty;* strike out "headquarters," and insert in lieu thereof *store-houses;* and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 31, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out from said amendment, in line 1, the words "and fifty;" and the Senate agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 48, with an amendment changing the number of the section to 2; and the House agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 49, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Substitute for the words stricken out the following:

SEC. 3. *That hereafter all vacancies in the grade of second lieutenant shall be filled by appointment from the graduates of the Military Academy so long as any such remain in service unassigned; and any vacancies thereafter remaining shall be filled by promotion of meritorious non-commissioned officers of the Army, recommended under the provisions of the next section of this act: Provided, That all vacancies remaining after exhausting the two classes named may be filled by appointment of persons in civil life;*

And the Senate agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 50, with an amendment changing the number of the section to 4; and the House agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 52, with an amendment changing the number of the section to 5; and the House agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 54, and agree to the text proposed to be stricken out, amended as follows:

Strike out all after the word "otherwise," and insert in lieu thereof the following: *Unless the Secretary of War shall by an order in writing otherwise direct;* and change the number of the section to 6; and the House agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 56, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out the word "commuting" and insert in lieu thereof *computing*, and add at the end of said amendment the following: *And retirement. And the retired-list shall hereafter be limited to four hundred in lieu of the number now fixed by law;* and change the number of the section to 7; and the Senate agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 57, and agree to the text proposed to be stricken out, amended as follows:

Strike out the word "fuel," in line 12, page 18 of the bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following: *allowance of or commutation for fuel to commissioned officers is hereby prohibited; but fuel;* and strike out in line 19, page 18 of the bill, the words "on the frontier" and insert in lieu thereof the words *west of the Mississippi River;* and change the number of the section to 8; and the House agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 58, and agree to the text proposed to be stricken out by said amendment, amended as follows:

Strike out the word "nine" in line 13, page 19 of the bill, and insert in lieu thereof the word *ten;* strike out the words "fifty-four," in line 16, same page, and insert in lieu thereof the word *seventy;* strike out all after the word "month," in line 16, same page, down to the end of the paragraph, and change the number of the section to 9; and the House agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 59, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

In lieu of section 3 of said amendment substitute the following:

SEC. 10. *That three Senators, to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and five members of the House, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House, are hereby constituted a joint committee to whom the whole subject-matter of reform and reorganization of the Army of the United States shall be, and is hereby, referred; and said committee shall have power to send for persons and papers, to employ a clerk and stenographer, and shall have leave to sit during the recess of Congress; and the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to detail, upon the request of the committee, one or more officers to act as secretaries thereof. The Public Printer shall print such documents as the committee may require.*

Strike out, in line 1 of section 4 of said Senate amendment, the word "commission," and insert in lieu thereof the word *committee*, and change the number of the section to 11.

Strike out, in line 1 of section 5 of said Senate amendment, the word "commission," and insert in lieu thereof the word *committee.*

Strike out, in line 2 of said section 5, the word "direct," and insert in lieu thereof the word *select.*

Strike out, in lines 4 and 5 of said section 5, the words "the next session through the President of the United States," and insert in lieu thereof *January, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.*

Strike out, in line 11 of said section 5, the word "commission," and insert in lieu thereof the word *committee.*

Strike out, in line 12 of said section 5, the words "president of said commission," and insert in lieu thereof *chairman thereof*, and change the number of the section to 12, and add a new section as follows:

SEC. 13. *That from and after the passage of this act all promotions in the Army, in each and every grade, arm, corps, and department thereof, shall cease, and thereafter no promotions or appointments shall be made to fill any vacancy which may occur, or be created therein, until after such report*

shall be made and acted upon by Congress: Provided, That this limitation shall not apply to the line of the Army below the rank of captain;

And the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 60, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out, in line 2 of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate, the word "four" and insert in lieu thereof the word *five*, and change the number of the section to 14; and the Senate agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments numbered 61 and 66, and agree to the same with amendments changing the numbers of the sections to 15 and 16, respectively; and the Senate agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 65, and agree to the text proposed to be stricken out by said amendment, with an amendment inserting after the word "person," in line 22, page 22 of the bill, the word *willfully;* and the House agree to the same.

A. A. SARGENT,
W. B. ALLISON,
R. E. WITHERS,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
ABRAM S. HEWITT,
WM. A. J. SPARKS,
CHAS. FOSTER,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (S. 1016) to provide for the distribution of the awards made under the convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico, concluded on the 4th day of July, 1868, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 1016) to provide for the distribution of the awards made under the convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico, concluded on the 4th day of July, 1868, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the House recede from its amendment to the fifth section of the bill, and that both houses agree to the following as a substitute for said fifth section:

SEC. 5. *And whereas the Government of Mexico has called the attention of the Government of the United States to the claims hereinafter named with a view to a rehearing: Therefore,*

Be it enacted, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to investigate any charges of fraud presented by the Mexican Government as to the cases hereinafter named, and if he shall be of the opinion that the honor of the United States, the principles of public law, or considerations of justice and equity require that the awards in the cases of Benjamin Weil and La Abra Silver-Mining Company, or either of them, should be opened and the cases retried, it shall be lawful for him to withhold payment of said awards, or either of them, until such case or cases shall be

retried and decided in such manner as the Governments of the United States and Mexico may agree, or until Congress shall otherwise direct; and in case of such retrial and decision, any moneys paid or to be paid by the Republic of Mexico in respect of said awards respectively shall be held to abide the event, and shall be disposed of accordingly; and the said present awards shall be set aside, modified, or affirmed, as may be determined by such retrial: Provided, That nothing herein shall be construed as an expression of any opinion of Congress in respect to the character of said claims, or either of them.

That the House recede from its first amendment to said bill.

DAVID DAVIS,
J. G. BLAINE,
A. G. THURMAN,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
B. WILSON,
JAS. R. CHALMERS,
N. P. BANKS,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and,

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed, without amendments, the following bills of the Senate:

S. 27. An act for the relief of Amos B. Ferguson.

S. 76. An act granting a pension to Mary Ann McFarland.

S. 221. An act granting a pension to Mary Kirby Smith Eaton during her widowhood.

S. 334. An act for the relief of William Bowlin, late of Company L, Second Arkansas Cavalry.

S. 394. An act to place the name of Daniel H. Kelly upon the muster-roll of Company F, Second Tennessee Infantry.

S. 535. An act granting an increase of pension to Theodore Gardner.

S. 547. An act granting a pension to Caroline M. Egbert.

S. 594. An act for the relief of William W. Speirs, late assistant surgeon, United States Army.

S. 686. An act granting a pension to Mary Emma Baptist and Daisy Baptist, minor child.

S. 704. An act granting a pension to Grace Aikins.

S. 712. An act granting a pension to William Loudon.

S. 744. An act granting a pension to Sarah McCooey.

S. 849. An act granting a pension to James C. Downer.

S. 871. An act granting a pension to William Emerson.

S. 902. An act for the relief of Carl Jussen.

S. 1029. An act for the relief of John M. Lord.

S. 1068. An act for the relief of T. B. Kelly.

S. 1165. An act granting a pension to Mary McAdams.

S. 1206. An act granting a pension to Emily Hughes, alias Burch.

S. 1275. An act granting a pension to John Charles Block.

S. 1332. An act granting a pension to John G. Merritt.

The Speaker having signed thirteen enrolled bills (H. R. 739, H. R. 977, H. R. 1638, H. R. 1897, H. R. 2242, H. R. 3276, H. R. 3314, H. R.

3548, H. R. 3978, H. R. 4550, H. R. 4568, H. R. 4802, H. R. 5137) and three joint resolutions (S. 36, S. 37, and H. R. 81), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolutions:

H. R. 739. An act for the relief of Harry Plowman.

H. R. 977. An act to relieve the political disabilities of John Green, sr., of Alabama.

H. R. 1638. An act to remove the political disabilities of Albert Miller Lea, of Navarro County, Texas.

H. R. 1897. An act to remove the political disabilities of W. E. Evans, a citizen of Louisiana.

H. R. 2242. An act for the relief of William T. Malster, of Baltimore, Maryland.

H. R. 3276. An act to remove the political disabilities of William C. Whittle, of Virginia.

H. R. 3314. An act to remove the political disabilities of John T. Mason, of Maryland.

H. R. 3548. An act making appropriations for the payment of claims reported allowed by the Commissioners of Claims, under the act of Congress of March 3, 1871.

H. R. 3978. An act to authorize the Barataria Ship-Canal Company to construct and operate a ship-canal from New Orleans to the Gulf of Mexico, through the lands and waters of the United States, and to grant to said company the right of way for that purpose.

H. R. 4550. An act to remove the political disabilities of Thomas L. Moore, of the State of Virginia.

H. R. 4568. An act to remove the political disabilities of Bobert T. Chapman, of Wharton County, Texas.

H. R. 4802. An act for the construction of a public building for use by the United States Government in the city of New York.

H. R. 5137. An act to legalize the collection of head-moneys already paid.

H. R. 81. A joint resolution asking for investigation in the case of Edward O'M. Condon.

S. 36. A joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to deliver to the city of Winterset, Madison County, Iowa, four cannon and carriages for the soldiers' monument in said city.

S. 37. A joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to the governor of North Carolina such tents, poles, and pins, as he may require for the use of the militia and volunteer organizations of the State at their summer and fall encampment.

The President *pro tempore* signed twelve of the enrolled bills (H. R. 739, H. R. 977, H. R. 1638, H. R. 1897, H. R. 2242, H. R. 3276, H. R. 3314, H. R. 3548, H. R. 3978, H. R. 4550, H. R. 4568, and H. R. 4802) and the three joint resolutions (H. R. 81, S. 36, and S. 37 this day reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That the Secretary be directed to notify the House that a motion is being considered in the Senate to rescind the order requesting the return by the House of Representatives to the Senate of the bill (S. 1088) to provide for the revision and correction of assessments for special improvements in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; and that until further notice the Senate does not request the return of the said bill.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in the Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1284) creating the Utah and Northern Railway Company a corporation in the Territories of Utah, Idaho, and Montana, and granting the right of way to said company through the public lands; and an amendment having been proposed by Mr. Saunders, from the Committee on Railroads, and the same having been amended on the motion of Mr. Hoar, the motion of Mr. Cockrell, and the motion of Mr. Christiancy, was agreed to, and the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution yesterday submitted by him, extending the time fixed for the final adjournment of the present session of Congress to Thursday next at 12 o'clock meridian; and

On motion by Mr. Whyte to amend the resolution,

It was determined in the negative.

The resolution was then agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 5053) to provide for the expenses of the Select Committee on Alleged Frauds in the late Presidential Election; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Windom, was reported to the Senate, and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 4236) making appropriations for the construction, repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes.

Mr. Spencer, from the committee on conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 4236) making appropriations for the construction, repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 4236) making appropriations for the construction, repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 1, 11, 17, 20, 38, 50, 54, 58.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, and 85.

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 21, with an amendment as follows:

Strike out all after the word "Arkansas," in line 10, page 4 of the bill, down to and including the words "seventy-five," in lines 11 and 12, same page, and insert in lieu thereof the word "*forty;*" and the House agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 24, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

After the word "Missouri," in said amendment, insert the word "*River;*" and the Senate agree to the same.

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 39, with an amendment as follows: In lieu of "two hundred" insert "*one hundred and fifty;*" and the House agree to the same.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 45, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

After the word "at," in the said amendment, insert the words "*or near;*" and the Senate agree to the same.

GEORGE E. SPENCER,
S. J. R. MCMILLAN,
M. W. RANSOM,
Conferees on the part of the Senate.
JOHN H. REAGAN,
JOHN E. KENNA,
MARK H. DUNNELL,
Conferees on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and,

On motion by Mr. Spencer that the Senate agree thereto,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 39 / Nays 22

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Barnum, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Dennis, Dorsey, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McMillan, McPherson, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Oglesby, Paddock, Patterson, Plumb, Ransom, Saunders, Spencer, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bayard, Beck, Booth, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Eaton, Harris, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, Morgan, Morrill, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Teller, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace, Whyte.

So the report was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has disagreed to the resolution of the Senate extending the time fixed for the final adjournment of the present session of Congress until Thursday, the 20th instant.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills and joint resolution; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate:

H. R. 720. An act for the relief of John Eaton.

H. R. 2396. An act for the relief of John E. Williamson.

H. R. 3565. An act granting a pension to Doctor P. F. Reuss, late surgeon Seventh New York Volunteers.

H. R. 3980. An act to confirm the title to the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 7, township 81 north, range 4 east of the fifth principal meridian, Clinton County, Iowa.

H. R. 169. A joint resolution authorizing the payment of the accounts of Lieutenant James T. Leavy, an insane officer.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills and joint resolution were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Hereford,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 762) granting a pension to John S. Hall, of West Virginia; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

On the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 36 / Nays 7

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Barnum, Blaine, Burnside, Cameron of Pennsylvania, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Coke, Dawes, Dennis, Eustis, Gordon, Hereford, Hoar, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kernan, McPherson, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Thurman, Voorhees, Whyte.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Booth, Eaton, Ingalls, Kernan, Morrill, Withers.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 1026. A bill granting a pension to Ben Alsop.

S. 1192. A bill to authorize the leasing of a portion of the military reservation of New San Diego, in the State of California.

S. 752. A bill for the relief of W. H. Newman and L. A. Van Hoffman.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the respective titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Windom, from the second committee of conference on the dis-

agreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (H. R. 4104) making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, reported that, having met, after full and free conference the committee were unable to agree; and,

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Resolved, That the Senate further insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and ask a further conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Windom, Mr. Allison, and Mr. Beck.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Saulsbury, from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted his views on the question of the election of La Fayette Grover as a Senator from the State of Oregon, to accompany the report of the committee (No. 540) this day made.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess this day from five o'clock until eight o'clock p. m.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and

The Senate took a recess until eight o'clock p. m.

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK P. M.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the Secretary of War, communicating, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of June 8, 1878, information in relation to the date at which the government took possession of certain railroads in the State of North Carolina.

Ordered, That it lie on the table and be printed.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed twenty-nine enrolled bills (S. 27, S. 76, S. 221, S. 334, S. 394, S. 535, S. 547, S. 594, S. 686, S. 704, S. 712, S. 744, S. 849, S. 871, S. 902, S. 1029, S. 1068, S. 1165, S. 1206, S. 1275, S. 1332, H. R. 82, H. R. 234, H. R. 720, H. R. 1966, H. R. 2396, H. R. 3565, H. R. 3980, H. R. 4976) and an enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 169), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Armstrong reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolutions:

S. 27. An act for the relief of Amos B. Ferguson.

S. 76. An act granting a pension to Mary Ann McFarland.

S. 221. An act granting a pension to Mary Kirby Smith Eaton during her widowhood.

S. 334. An act for the relief of William Bowlin, late of Company L, Second Arkansas Cavalry.

S. 394. An act to place the name of Daniel H. Kelly upon the muster-roll of Company F, Second Tennessee Infantry.

S. 535. An act granting an increase of pension to Theodore Gardner.

S. 547. An act granting a pension to Caroline M. Egbert.

S. 594. An act for the relief of William Speirs, late assistant surgeon United States Army.

S. 686. An act granting a pension to Mary Emma Baptist and Daisy Baptist, minor child.

S. 704. An act granting a pension to Grace Aikins.

S. 712. An act granting a pension to William Loudon.

S. 744. An act granting a pension to Sarah McCooey.

S. 849. An act granting a pension to James C. Downer.

S. 871. An act granting a pension to William Emerson.

S. 902. An act for the relief of Carl Jussen.

S. 1029. An act for the relief of John M. Lord.

S. 1068. An act for the relief of T. B. Kelly.

S. 1165. An act granting a pension to Mary McAdams.

S. 1206. An act granting a pension to Emily Hughes, alias Burch.

S. 1275. An act granting a pension to John Charles Black.

S. 1332. An act granting a pension to John G. Merritt.

H. R. 82. An act for the relief of Alexander Anderson, late first lieutenant Fourteenth New York Volunteers.

H. R. 234. An act for the relief of John F. Andrews, postmaster at Washington, Georgia.

H. R. 720. An act for the relief of John Eaton.

H. R. 1966. An act for the relief of J. H. Duncan, postmaster at Elberton, Georgia.

H. R. 2396. An act for the relief of John E. Williamson.

H. R. 3565. An act granting a pension to Doctor P. F. Reuss, late surgeon Seventh New York Volunteers.

H. R. 3980. An act to confirm the title to the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 7, township 81 north, range 4, east of the fifth principal meridian, Clinton County, Iowa.

H. R. 4976. An act to increase the pension of certain pensioned soldiers and sailors who have lost both their hands or both their feet, or the sight of both eyes, in the service of the country.

H. R. 169. A joint resolution authorizing the payments of the accounts of lieutenant James T. Leavy, an insane officer.

Mr. Butler, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 658) to authorize the restoration of Michael O'Brien to the rank of first lieutenant in the Army, reported it with an amendment, and submitted a report (No. 542) thereon.

Mr. Maxey, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1094) for the pardon of certain deserters from the United States Army in 1848, reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Cockrell, from the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3856) for the relief of T. A. Kendig, of Louisiana, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No 541) thereon.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Ordered, That the Committee on Appropriations have leave to sit during the sessions of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

H. R. 5179. An act relative to examinations for promotions in the Navy.

H. R. 636. An act granting a pension to Oliver H. Irons, late sergeant Company D, Twenty-third Michigan Volunteers.

H. R. 4075. An act granting a pension to Ezra O. Nye, Company K, Nineteenth Michigan Volunteers.

H. R. 4374. An act granting a pension to Sarah J. Goss.

H. R. 1348. An act to restore the name of Jesse Stallings, of Butler County, Alabama, to the pension-list.

H. R. 477. An act granting a pension to Anna Koeninger, widow of Louis Koeninger, late private Second Indiana Battery.

H. R. 2138. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay Mary Fearon and Jessie Crossin, executrices of Samuel P. Fearon, deceased, for certain registered United States bonds redeemed by the government on forged assignments and power of attorney.

H. R. 775. An act for the restoration to market of certain lands in the Territory of Utah.

H. R. 1164. An act for the relief of Peter G. Mills, his heirs and assigns.

H. R. 3733. An act for the relief of Hanson Harmon.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed without amendment the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 39) authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to the governor of Alabama such tents, poles, and pins as he may require for the use of the volunteers of the State at their summer encampment.

The House of Representatives further insists upon its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 4104) making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes. It agrees to the further conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Atkins, Mr. Durham, and Mr. Foster managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives agrees to the conference asked by the Senate touching the matters of difference between the two houses on certain amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 4286) to establish post-routes in the several States herein named, and has appointed Mr. J. G. Cannon, Mr. Morrison, and Mr. Waddell managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has passed the following resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the time fixed by the two houses of Congress for the final adjournment of the second session of the Forty-fifth Congress is hereby extended to four o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, the 18th day of June current; and at that time the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall adjourn their respective houses without day; and

It has passed a joint resolution (H. R. 195) in relation to the pay of committee-clerks and other employés of the Senate and House of Representatives, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Rep-

resentatives providing for the extension of the time fixed for the final adjournment of the present session of Congress; and,

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, withdrew the motion yesterday submitted by him that the Senate reconsider its vote on the passage of the bill (H. R. 431) to provide for the holding of terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives of the passage of the said bill.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, withdrew the motion yesterday submitted by him that the Senate reconsider its vote on the passage of the bill (H. R. 4024) to provide for the holding of a term of the district court of the United States at the city of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in its amendments to the said bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the Committee of Conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 4867) making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1877, and for other purposes.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill (H. R. 923) supplementary to the act entitled "An act to carry into effect the convention between the United States and China concluded on the 8th day of November, 1858, at Shanghai," approved March 3, 1859, and to give the Court of Claims jurisdiction in certain cases; and,

No further amendment being made,

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill of the Senate (S. 931) granting a pension to James Shields; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 1404. A bill to provide for the holding of a term of the district and circuit courts of the United States at Lincoln, Nebraska.

S. 1380. A bill granting a pension to Josiah Kellogg.

S. 150. A bill for the relief of M. P. Jones.

S. 837. A bill for the relief of the officers and of the New Mexico Mounted Volunteers.

S. 1390. A bill for the relief of George W. Saulpau.

S. 295. A bill for the relief of William C. Edmonston.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of resentatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (S. 1099) to provide for the settlement of tax-lien certificates erroneously issued by the late authorities of the District of Columbia; and

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Harris to the reported amendment,

Mr. Harris withdrew the amendment.

The reported amendment, having been amended on the motion of Mr. Allison, was agreed to as amended, and the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bills were severally reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in:

S. 1344. A bill relating to tax-sales in the District of Columbia.

S. 1106. A bill to reimburse purchasers at direct-tax sales in Arkansas declared illegal by United States courts in consequence of a defective board of commissioners.

S. 116. A bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to adjust and settle the debt due the United States by the State of Arkansas.

Ordered, That the bills be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that the titles thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 5070) to detach certain territory from the eastern judicial district of Michigan and to attach the same to the western judicial district of Michigan, and to provide for divisions in said western district and for holding the district and circuit courts therein, and for other purposes; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1385) to define the duties of musicians in the Army of the United States; and,

After debate,

Ordered, That the bill be postponed indefinitely.

On motion by Mr. Wallace, at 10 o'clock and 55 minutes p. m., that the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 15 / Nays..... 30

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bayard, Burnside, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Kernan, McCreery, McPherson, Merrimon, Morrill, Ransom, Saulsbury, Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Beck, Bruce, Butler, Conover, Dennis, Eaton, Ferry, Gordon, Harris, Hereford, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Kirkwood, McDonald, McMillan, Maxey, Mitchell, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Spencer, Voorhees, Windom, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 830) for the relief of Francis O. Wyse; and the reported amendments having been agreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Cockrell, it was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The joint resolution (H. R. 195) last received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

On motion by Mr. Morrill, at 11 o'clock and 27 minutes p. m., that the Senate adjourn,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 20 / Nays 20

On motion by Mr. Burnside,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Burnside, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Gordon, Kernan, McMillan, McPherson, Morrill, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Wadleigh, Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Butler, Conover, Dennis, Eaton, Ferry, Harris, Hereford, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, McDonald, Maxey, Mitchell, Morgan, Oglesby, Paddock, Ransom, Spencer, Voorhees, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the joint resolution (H. R. 162) for the relief of Bushrod B. Taylor, and the reported amendments having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendments were concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the resolution read a third time.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended by adding thereto, *and other naval officers.*

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. McMillan, at 11 o'clock and 40 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* signed the twenty-nine enrolled bills (S. 27, S. 76, S. 221, S. 334, S. 394, S. 535, S. 547, S. 594, S. 686, S. 704, S. 712. S.

744, S. 849, S. 871, S. 902, S. 1029, S. 1068, S. 1165, S. 1206, S. 1275, S. 1332, H. R. 82, H. R. 234, H. R. 720, H. R. 1966, H. R. 2396, H. R. 3565, H. R. 3980, H. R. 4976) and the enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 169) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr Ingalls presented the petition of Rebecca Williams, praying to be allowed a pension; which was referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Matthews presented a memorial of Hugh McGlincey, praying payment of a balance claimed to be due him on his contract for the enlargement of the Louisville and Portland Canal; which was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Hoar presented a letter of the Secretary of War, addressed to him, in relation to the claim of Michael Fentenheime for property taken and destroyed by the United States on Morris Island, near Charleston South C., which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1372) to incorporate "The United States Railway Mail Service Mutual Benefit Association," reported it with amendments.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 99) granting a pension to Charles Slawson, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 543) thereon.

Mr. Rollins, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, to whom was referred the bill (S. 903) providing for the improvement of certain streets and avenues in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, reported it without amendment, and that it ought not to pass.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Davis, of Illinois, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the following bills, reported them severally without amendment:

H. R. 4145. An act to remove the political disabilities of Washington Gwathmay, of Alabama.

H. R. 4337. An act to remove the political disabilities of Larkin Smith, of Georgia.

H. R. 5082. An act for the removal of the political disabilities of William A. Carswell, of Georgia.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

S. 27. An act for the relief of Amos B. Fergeson;

S. 334. An act for the relief of William Bowlin, late of Company L, Second Arkansas Cavalry;

S. 547. An act granting a pension to Caroline M. Egbert;

S. 686. An act granting a pension to Mary Emma Baptist and Daisy Baptist, a minor child;

S. 704. An act granting a pension to Grace Aikins;

S. 871. An act granting a pension to William Emerson;

S. 712. An act granting a pension to William Loudon;

S. 76. An act granting a pension to Mary Ann McFarland;

S. 221. An act granting a pension to Mary Kirby Smith Eaton during her widowhood;

S. 535. An act granting an increase of pension to Theodore Gardner;

S. 394. An act to place the name of Daniel H. Kelly upon the muster-roll of Company F, Second Tennessee Infantry;

S. 594. An act for the relief of William W. Speirs, late assistant surgeon, United States Army;

S. 744. An act granting a pension to Sarah McCooey;
S. 849. An act granting a pension to James C. Downer;
S. 902. An act for the relief of Carl Jussen;
S. 1029. Act for the relief of John M. Lord;
S. 1068. An act for the relief of T. B. Kelly;
S. 1165. An act granting a pension to Mary McAdams.
S. 1206. An act granting a pension to Emily Hughes, alias Burch;
S. 1275. An act granting a pension to John Charles Black;
S. 1332. An act granting a pension to John G. Merritt;
S. 1047. An act regulating the appointment of cadet-midshipmen and cadet-engineers in the Naval Academy, and for other purposes;
S. 37. A joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to the governor of North Carolina such tents, poles, and pins as he may require for the use of the militia and volunteer organizations of the State at their summer and fall encampment; and
S. 36. A joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to deliver to the city of Winterset, Madison County, Iowa, four cannon and carriages for the soldiers' monument in said city.

Leave having been obtained, bills were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as follows:

By Mr. Thurman: A bill (S. 1407) to repeal sections 820 and 821 of the Revised Statutes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. Sargent: A bill (S. 1408) relating to the appointment of professors of mathematics in the Navy; to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

By Mr. Teller: A bill (S. 1409) granting a pension to Amanda Jones; to the Committee on Pensions.

By Mr. Oglesby: A bill (S. 1410) for the relief of certain persons locating homesteads upon the public lands; to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Hereford asked and obtained leave to bring in a joint resolution (S. 41) authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to the governor of West Virginia such tents, poles, and pins as he may require for the use of the militia and volunteer organizations of the State at their summer and fall encampment; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said joint resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Cameron, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following resolution; which, by unanimous consent, was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Education and Labor be instructed to inquire into the industrial condition of the country, the extent, nature, and causes of the depression of business and the enforced idleness of labor, and what remedies, if any, can be provided by national legislation; and also into the expediency of providing a permanent bureau in one of the Executive Departments for the purpose of gathering, recording, and publishing the statistics of the national industries; and that the committee report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Gordon submitted the following resolution; which, by unanimous consent, was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Agriculture be directed to send to the Senate before the expiration of the present session the reports

on sheep-husbandry by J. R. Dodge, and John L. Hays of Massachusetts, respectively, and the same be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Spencer submitted the following resolution for consideration:

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs have leave to sit during the recess for the purpose of considering the revision of the Army Regulations and bring up the records and other legislation now pending in committee: *Provided*, That the committee may sit by subcommittee, and that the necessary expenses thereof be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers to be approved by the chairman of the committee.

Mr. Hoar submitted the following resolution; which was referred to to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That there be printed —— copies of Clarke and Hall's Contested-Election Cases.

Mr. Wadleigh submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Printing:

Resolved, That 5,000 copies of Senate bill No. 300, with the proposed amendments, be printed for the use of the Senate Committee on Patents.

On motion by Mr. Saunders,

Ordered, That Charles Brewster have leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate his petition and papers.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 4987. An act granting a pension to James H. Cook.

H. R. 4986. An act granting a pension to H. Louise Gates.

H. R. 4985. An act granting a pension to George Denney.

H. R. 4984. An act granting a pension to John L. Taylor.

H. R. 4983. An act granting a pension to Sarah H. Bradford.

H. R. 4982. An act granting a pension to Valeria C. Penrose.

H. R. 4980. An act granting a pension to John Dillmyer, late a private Fifth Regiment United States Artillery.

H. R. 4979. An act granting a pension to George Quarrel, late a private in Company H, Fourth New York Volunteers.

H. R. 4978. An act granting a pension to James Johnston.

H. R. 4975. An act granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Eliza H. Frailey.

H. R. 4973. An act granting a pension to Frank Snyder, late private Company B, McLaughlin's Squadron Ohio Cavalry.

H. R. 4972. An act restoring Mary J. Storer to the pension-rolls.

H. R. 4971. An act granting a pension to Mary Frazee.

H. R. 4970. An act granting a pension to John H. McBruyer.

H. R. 4968. An act granting a pension to Patrick Glackin.

H. R. 4967. An act granting a pension to Calvin E. Pratt, late brigadier-general of volunteers.

H. R. 4796. An act granting a pension to Joseph Bratton.

H. R. 4795. An act granting a pension to Ann Cornelia Lanman.

H. R. 4794. An act granting a pension to Peter Yarnell, late a private in Company D, Twelfth West Virginia Volunteers.

H. R. 4793. An act granting a pension to James Mahew, late private in the Twenty-third Battery of Indiana Volunteers.

H. R. 4792. An act granting a pension to Calvin Halstead.

H. R. 4703. An act granting a pension to Wealthy Perkins.

H. R. 4702. An act granting a pension to Catharine Gemmill and children.

H. R. 4701. An act granting a pension to George W. Staplin.

H. R. 4700. An act granting a pension to Almira Finney.

H. R. 4699. An act granting a pension to William H. Edwards.

H. R. 4698. An act granting a pension to Helen Crabbe.

H. R. 4697. An act granting a pension to Phillip Thoen.

H. R. 2374. An act for the relief of William Mills.

H. R. 3343. An act to authorize the sale of the small-arms now in use in the naval service, and the conversion of the proceeds of such sale in the purchase of arms similar in caliber to the arms now in use by the United States Army.

H. R. 2975. An act granting a pension to William Reynolds, late a private in Company G, Thirteenth Regiment Indiana Volunteers.

H. R. 2967. An act granting a pension to James Mooreland, late private Company K, Fourteenth Tennessee Volunteers, Mexican war, of Jackson County, Tennessee.

H. R. 2944. An act granting an increase of pension to Jacob Parrott, of Hardin County, Ohio.

H. R. 2943. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to place upon the pension-roll the name of John Bysel, late private Company H, Sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Cavalry.

H. R. 2927. An act to restore to the pension-roll the name of Michael S. Corl.

H. R. 2858. An act granting a pension to Herman Netterfield.

H. R. 2852. An act for the relief of James M. Ruby.

H. R. 2826. An act granting a pension to John H. Ferrell, late a pilot on the United States steamer Moose in the Mississippi squadron.

H. R. 2767. An act granting a pension to John M. Stuter, bugler of Company I, Fourth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Cavalry.

H. R. 2544. An act granting a pension to Melissa Wagner, widow of Jacob T. Wagner, late private in Company B, Sixty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers.

H. R. 2518. An act granting jurisdiction and authority to the Court of Claims in the case of the schooner Don Pedro.

H. R. 2489. An act granting a pension to John Gavan, Sixteenth New York Cavalry.

H. R. 2472. An act for the relief of Elias B. Bell, late private of Company E, Third Regiment West Virginia Cavalry.

H. R. 2460. An act granting a pension to George W. Leamy.

H. R. 2353. An act for the relief of James A. Price, late second lieutenant and recruiting officer Sixteenth Kansas Cavalry Volunteers.

H. R. 2296. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to place upon the pension-roll the name of John Ward, late sergeant of Company K, Second Regiment West Virginia Volunteer Cavalry.

H. R. 3150. An act granting a pension to Joseph Ward.

H. R. 5209. An act for the relief of Henry H. Neff.

H. R. 5201. An act granting a pension to Esther E. Lieurance.

H. R. 1843. An act granting a pension to Luciuda Barrett, widow of Thomas S. Barrett, late a private in Company M of the Sixth Illinois Cavalry.

H. R. 1842. An act granting a pension to Henry Grossmann, late a private in Company G of the One hundred and fourth Regiment of Illinois Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 1636. An act granting a pension to Jeptha Rubert.

H. R. 1443. An act granting a pension to William Gibson.

H. R. 1396. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth R. Hull.

H. R. 4685. An act granting a pension to William N. Tannahill.

H. R. 4686. An act granting a pension to William J. Baxter.

H. R. 4687. An act granting a pension to Georgine Thomas, widow of General Charles Thomas, deceased.

H. R. 1054. An act granting a pension to Jefferson Kinder.

H. R. 4688. An act granting a pension to Theodore Artzt.

H. R. 4689. An act granting a pension to Thomas R. Cross.

H. R. 4691. An act granting a pension to Hannah Hallam.

H. R. 4692. An act restoring his pension to Michael McGinty.

H. R. 4693. An act granting a pension to David McComb.

H. R. 3362. An act granting a pension to Nathan A. Winters.

H. R. 4694. An act granting a pension to James Riley, late a private in Company D, Fourth Regiment United States Infantry.

H. R. 4695. An act granting a pension to James Buchanan.

H. R. 4696. An act granting a pension to Cynthia Spradlin.

H. R. 1045. An act to place George W. Browning on the pension-roll.

H. R. 1286. An act granting a pension to John T. Neale, an employé of the Provost-Marshal-General's Department in 1861, for injuries received in the line of his duties.

H. R. 1226. An act for the relief of A. S. Bloom, late a major in the Seventh Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry.

H. R. 1210. An act for the relief of Charles Valier, late of Company M, Seventh Regiment of Illinois Cavalry.

H. R. 1209. An act for the relief of the legal representatives of John W. Gall, deceased, late of Company A, One hundred and thirtieth Regiment Illinois Volunteers.

H. R. 1162. An act for the relief of Alfred Muller, late acting assistant surgeon United States Army.

H. R. 1144. An act for the relief of Ann Annis, widow of Harvey Annis, late second lieutenant Company G, Fifty-first Regiment United States Colored Infantry.

H. R. 892. An act granting a pension to Oscar B. Nott, late a private of Company K, One hundred and sixty-first Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

H. R. 4289. An act for the relief of Thomas W. Segar.

H. R. 4407. An act for the relief of Andrew Ivory.

H. R. 4494. An act granting a pension to John Grubbins.

H. R. 4680. An act granting a pension to Robert P. Walker, late private Company H, Ninety-fourth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

H. R. 4681. An act granting a pension to Joseph Odell, late private Company I, Sixty-fifth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

H. R. 4682. An act granting a pension to Adaline P. Loy, widow of Joseph F. Loy, deceased.

H. R. 4683. An act granting a pension to Michael O'Brien.

H. R. 4684. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Catharine Vaughan, widow of Thomas J. Vaughan, late a private in Company H, Third Tennessee Mounted Infantry.

H. R. 4288. An act for the relief of Henry Beckman.

H. R. 4287. An act for the relief of John Gault, jr., late a major of the Twenty-eighth Regiment of Kentucky Volunteer Infantry.

H. R. 4190. An act for the relief of William H. H. Baldwin.

H. R. 4132. An act for the relief of Patrick P. Manion, of Saint Louis, Missouri.

H. R. 3925. An act granting a pension to James H. Hayes, private in Company B, Thirty-ninth Regiment Illinois Volunteers.

H. R. 3816. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Mary G. Harris.

H. R. 3676. An act for the relief of Benjamin Sanders.

H. R. 3623. An act for the relief of Henry Gee.

H. R. 3598. An act granting a pension to Alice B. Munroe.

H. R. 3500. An act granting a pension to Helena Fechtels.

H. R. 3465. An act for the relief of the heirs of William M. Landreth.

H. R. 3411. An act granting a pension to George Laurence.

H. R. 3408. An act granting a pension to Samuel V. Adams.

H. R. 3397. An act granting a pension to Mary S. Webster.

H. R. 3338. An act for the relief of Anderson B. Gose, of Morgan County, Kentucky, late a private in Company B, Twenty-fourth Kentucky Regiment of Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 3266. An act granting a pension to Dalton Hinchman, late a private in Company G, Second Michigan Cavalry.

H. R. 3196. An act granting a pension to William H. Garrett, late a private in Company B, Fifty-sixth Regiment Illinois Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 126. An act for the relief of James R. Gordon, of Columbia Cross-Roads, Bradford County, Pennsylvania.

H. R. 246. An act for the relief of John R. Nichols, late postmaster at Athens, Georgia.

H. R. 309. An act for the relief of Andrew F. Higgins, of Brown County, Ohio.

H. R. 394. An act granting a pension to the heirs of Horace A. Chambers.

H. R. 461. An act for the relief of Peter Scouden, late a corporal of Company R, Twelfth Indiana Volunteer Cavalry, a resident of White County, Indiana.

H. R. 491. An act granting a pension to Henry Brown, late a private in Company C, One hundred and twenty-third Regiment Illinois Volunteers.

H. R. 521. An act for the relief of Thomas F. Alexander, of Illinois.

H. R. 529. An act granting a pension to Daniel Middough.

H. R. 550. An act granting a pension to Mary A. Allen.

H. R. 556. An act for the relief of James A. Hile, of Lewis County, Missouri.

H. R. 564. An act to confirm the title to certain lands in Platte County, Missouri, and authorize patents to be issued therefor to Kinsey B. Cecil.

H. R. 585. An act for the relief of Daniel C. Putnam.

H. R. 592. An act granting a pension to Martha A. Williamson.

H. R. 635. An act for the relief of Moses F. Carleton, late second lieutenant of Company I, Fourth Michigan Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 648. An act for the relief of Asa Morse, of Staunton, Michigan.

H. R. 658. An act for the relief of E. J. Gurley, of McLennan County, Texas.

H. R. 696. An act for the relief of Henry Simons, late private in Company D, Fourth Regiment Iowa Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 697. An act restoring the name of Benjamin Hollingsworth to the pension-roll.

H. R. 698. An act granting a pension to Nathan Udell.

H. R. 711. An act granting a pension to John S. Corlett.

H. R. 754. An act granting a pension to James W. Crowley.

H. R. 837. An act granting a pension to William R. Browne.

H. R. 846. An act for the relief of Thomas C. Young, late private of Company F, Thirty-ninth Iowa Infantry.

H. R. 1875. An act for the relief of E. A. Williams.

H. R. 1913. An act to amend an act granting a pension to Ann Hensley, approved March 3, 1873.

H. R. 1994. An act granting a pension to Dennis McGinnis.

H. R. 2126. An act granting a pension to Anna Voshage.

H. R. 2284. An act for the relief of David W. Stockstill, of Sidney, Ohio.

H. R. 2441. An act for the relief of Robert C. Walker.

H. R. 2443. An act for the relief of citizens of Montana who served with the United States troops in the war with the Nez Percés, and for the relief of the heirs of such as were killed in such service.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 4422) to amend section 4695 of the Revised Statutes.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed fifteen enrolled bills (H. R. 4867, H. R. 2138, H. R. 762, H. R. 3733, H. R. 1164, H. R. 775, H. R. 4374, H. R. 4075, H. R. 1348, H. R. 636, H. R. 477, H. R. 431, H. R. 5179, H. R. 4236, S. 931) and an enrolled joint resolution (S. 39) I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Armstrong reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolution:

H. R. 4867. An act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

H. R. 2138. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay Mary Fearon and Jesse Crossin, executrix of Samuel P. Fearon, deceased, for certain registered United States bonds redeemed by the government on forged assignments and power of attorney.

H. R. 762. An act granting a pension to John S. Hall, of West Virginia.

H. R. 3733. An act for the relief of Hanson Harmon.

H. R. 1164. An act for the relief of Peter G. Mills, his heirs and assigns.

H. R. 775. An act for the restoration to market of certain lands in the Territory of Utah.

H. R. 4374. An act granting a pension to Sarah J. Goss.

H. R. 4075. An act granting a pension to Ezra O. Nye, Company K, Nineteenth Michigan Volunteers.

H. R. 1348. An act to restore the name of Jesse Stallings, of Butler County, Alabama, to the pension-list.

H. R. 636. An act granting a pension to Oliver H. Irons, late sergeant Company D, Twenty-third Michigan Volunteers.

H. R. 477. An act granting a pension to Anna Koeninger, widow of Louis Koeninger, late private Second Indiana Battery.

H. R. 431. An act to provide for the holding of terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

H. R. 5179. An act relative to examinations for promotions in the Army.

H. R. 4236. An act making appropriations for the construction, repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes.

S. 931. An act granting a pension to James Shields.

S. 39. Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to the governor of Alabama such tents, poles, and pins as he may

require for the use of the volunteers of the State at their summer encampment.

On motion by Mr. McMillan that the Senate reconsider its vote postponing indefinitely the bill (H. R. 734) granting a pension to Syvert A. Anderson,

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

On motion by Mr. McMillan,

Ordered, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Pensions.

The President *pro tempore* signed the fifteen enrolled bills (H. R. 4867, H. R. 2138, H. R. 762, H. R. 3733, H. R. 1164, H. R. 775, H. R. 4374, H. R. 4075, H. R. 1348, H. R. 636, H. R. 477, H. R. 431, H. R. 5179, H. R. 4236, S. 931) and an enrolled joint resolution (S. 39) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Hereford asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 1411) granting condemned bronze cannon to the Soldiers' Union of West Virginia; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Windom, from the third committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 4104) making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 4104) making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 65, 72, 83, 90, 91, 92, 109, 110, 142, 153, 154, 155, 227, 228, 230, 253, 260, 264, 267, 272, 277, 278, 280, 284, 295, 298, 299, 300, 321, 322, 326, 327, 356, 357, 359, 360, 394, 395, 397, 398, 399, 401, 403, 405, 406, 408, 410, 411, 416, 418, 419, 432, 434, 481, 482, 544, 549, and 552.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 58, 59, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 84, 85, 87, 88, 89, 106, 107, 138, 139, 143, 165, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 229, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 261, 263, 266, 268, 271, 274, 275, 276, 282, 832, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 292, 293, 294, 297, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 358, 372, 374, 375, 377, 378, 381, 396, 413, 414, 415, 458, 473, 475, 477, 478, 479, 480, 536, 537, 542, 543, 545, 547, 550, and 551; and agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 1:

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 1, and amend by striking out lines 14 and 15, page 1 of the bill, "and the additional sum of $1,000 while the said office is held by the present incumbent, and no longer," and substituting in lieu of the sum proposed by said amend-

ment the sum of *one hundred and seventy-seven thousand nine hundred and ninety-four dollars and eighty cents;* and the House agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 17:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 17, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out of said amendment the words "and clerk to the Committee on Military Affairs," and insert in line 2 of said amendment before the word "clerk" the word *and;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 54:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 54, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out the word "seven" and insert *six*, and strike out "and sixty"; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 57:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 57, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out "three hundred and sixty" and insert in lieu thereof *two hundred;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 60:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 60, and agree to the same with an amendment substituting in lieu of the sum proposed *one hundred and ninety-four thousand six hundred and sixty dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 73:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 73, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of "five hundred" insert *two hundred;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 80, 81, and 82:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 80 and 81, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

On page 9, in line 8, of the bill, strike out, where it first occurs, the word "one" and insert *four*, and strike out the total of the paragraph and insert in lieu thereof *twenty-nine thousand six hundred and forty.*

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 82, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

After the word "required," at the end of said amendment, add *and the said index shall be bound with the forthcoming edition of the Revised Statutes;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 86:

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 86, and agree to the clause proposed to be stricken out by said amendment with an amendment as follows:

At the end of the said clause add the words *to be designated by the President for that purpose;* and the House agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 93:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 93, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out "seven" and insert *six;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, and 105:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 94 to 105, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

In lieu of the paragraph amended substitute the following:

For compensation of the Secretary of State, eight thousand dollars; two Assistant Secretaries of State, at three thousand five hundred dollars each; for chief clerk, two thousand five hundred dollars; eleven clerks of class four; four clerks of class three; two clerks of class two; ten clerks of class one; two clerks at one thousand dollars each; and ten clerks at nine hundred dollars each; one messenger; one assistant messenger; one superintendent of the watch, at one thousand dollars; six watchmen; twelve laborers; chief engineer, who shall be a machinist, one thousand two hundred dollars; one assistant engineer, one thousand dollars; six firemen, at seven hundred and twenty dollars each; ten charwomen, at one hundred and eighty dollars each; and a conductor for the elevator, at seven hundred and twenty dollars; in all ninety-three thousand seven hundred and eighty dollars; and hereafter the annual compensation of all watchmen and laborers employed in the Executive Departments shall not exceed six hundred and sixty dollars each, unless otherwise specifically stated; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 108:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 108, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out "five" and insert *four;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, and 122:

That the House recede from its disagreements to the amendment of the Senate numbered 111 to 122, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

In lieu of the amended paragraph insert the following:

Secretary's Office:

For compensation of the Secretary of the Treasury, eight thousand dollars; two Assistant Secretaries of the Treasury, at four thousand five hundred dollars each; chief clerk ex officio superintendent of the Treasury building, two thousand seven hundred dollars; one chief of division of warrants, estimates, and appropriations and one chief of division of customs, at two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars each; one assistant chief of division of warrants, estimates, and appropriations, two thousand four hundred dollars; five chiefs of division, at two thousand five hundred dollars each; six assistant chiefs of division, at two thousand dollars each; twenty-two clerks of class four; two disbursing clerks, at two thousand five hundred dollars each; stenographer to the Secretary, two thousand dollars; seventeen clerks of class three; sixteen clerks of class two; eleven clerks of class one; seven clerks, at one thousand dollars each; fifteen female clerks, at nine hundred dollars each; four messengers, four assistant messengers, and twenty-eight laborers; one captain of the watch, one thousand two hundred dollars; one engineer, one thousand four hundred dollars; one assistant engineer, one thousand dollars; one machinist and gas-fitter, one thousand two hundred dollars; one storekeeper, one thousand two hundred dollars; sixty watchmen, and additional to two of said watchmen acting as lieutenants of watchmen, one hundred and eighty dollars each; six firemen, at seven hundred and twenty dollars each; seventy-five charwomen, at one hundred and eighty dollars each; in all, two hundred and seventy thousand five hundred dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, and 131:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of

the Senate numbered 123 to 131, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

In lieu of the amended paragraph substitute the following:

For the consolidated division of loans and currency, namely: One chief of division, at two thousand five hundred dollars; two assistant chiefs of division, at two thousand one hundred dollars each; nine clerks of class four, and additional pay to three fourth-class clerks, namely, receiving clerk of bonds and two bookkeepers, one hundred dollars each; five clerks of class three; three clerks of class two; four clerks of class one; four clerks, at one thousand dollars each; thirty clerks, at nine hundred dollars each; three messengers; three assistant messengers; and twelve laborers; in all, eighty-three thousand eight hundred dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, and 137:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 132 to 137, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Insert in lieu of the amended paragraph the following:

Supervising Architect:

In the construction branch of the Treasury: For Supervising Architect, four thousand five hundred dollars; assistant and chief clerk, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; photographer, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; one principal clerk, at two thousand dollars; two clerks of class three; three clerks of class one; one clerk at nine hundred dollars; and one assistant messenger; in all, nineteen thousand four hundred and twenty dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 140, 141, and 144:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 140, 141, and 144, and agree to the same with amendments as follows, respectively:

In lieu of the number proposed by 140 insert *six;* and for the five clerks stricken out by 141 insert *two clerks, at one thousand dollars each; and six clerks, at nine hundred dollars each;* and in lieu of the sum stricken out by 144 insert *sixty-five thousand four hundred dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, and 152:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 145 to 152, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

In lieu of the amended paragraph substitute the following:

Second Comptroller of the Treasury:

For Second Comptroller of the Treasury, five thousand dollars; deputy comptroller, two thousand seven hundred dollars; five chiefs of division, at two thousand one hundred dollars each; five clerks of class four; twelve clerks of class three; thirteen clerks of class two; eight clerks of class one; three clerks at one thousand dollars each; nine clerks at nine hundred dollars each; one assistant messenger, and three laborers; in all, eighty-eight thousand dollars; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 156:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 145, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum stricken out insert the following: *forty-nine thousand six hundred and thirty dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, and 164:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 157 to 164, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

In lieu of the amended paragraphs insert the following:

First Auditor:

For the First Auditor of the Treasury, three thousand six hundred dollars; deputy auditor, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; four chiefs of division, at two thousand dollars each; two clerks of class four; five clerks of class three; six clerks of class two; eleven clerks of class one; two clerks, at one thousand dollars each; two assistant messengers, and two laborers; in all, fifty-one thousand eight hundred and ten dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 166, 167, 168, and 169:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 166 to 169, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Insert in lieu of the amended paragraph the following:

For the division of loans, namely: three clerks of class four; two clerks of class three; two clerks of class two; two clerks of class one; one clerk at one thousand dollars; in all, fourteen thousand eight hundred dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, and 177:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 170 to 177, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Insert in lieu of the amended paragraph the following:

Second Auditor:

For Second Auditor, three thousand six hundred dollars; deputy auditor, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; five chiefs of division, at two thousand dollars each; six clerks of class four; twenty-five clerks of class three; fifty-five clerks of class two; thirty-five clerks of class one; eight clerks at one thousand dollars each; two assistant messengers; and eight laborers; in all, two hundred thousand three hundred and seventy dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, and 184:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 178 to 184, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Insert in lieu of the amended paragraph the following:

Third Auditor:

For Third Auditor, three thousand six hundred dollars; deputy auditor, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; five chiefs of division, at two thousand dollars each; six clerks of class four; fourteen clerks of class three; fifty-five clerks of class two; thirty-seven clerks of class one; seven clerks at one thousand dollars each; nine clerks at nine hundred dollars each; one assistant messenger; and seven laborers; and one female laborer, at four hundred and eighty dollars; in all, one hundred and ninety-one thousand three hundred and seventy dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 185:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 185, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Substitute for said amendment the following:

Fourth Auditor:

For the Fourth Auditor, three thousand six hundred dollars; deputy au-

ditor, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; three chiefs of division, at two thousand dollars each; two clerks of class four; fourteen clerks of class three; eight clerks of class two; nine clerks of class one; three clerks, at one thousand dollars each; five clerks, at nine hundred dollars each; one assistant messenger, and two laborers; in all, sixty-nine thousand three hundred and ninety dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 186:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 186, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Substitute for the amendment the following:

Fifth Auditor:

For the Fifth Auditor, three thousand six hundred dollars; deputy auditor, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; two chiefs of division, at two thousand dollars each; two clerks of class four; five clerks of class three; four clerks of class two; six clerks of class one; two clerks, at one thousand dollars each; three clerks at nine hundred dollars each; one messenger, and one laborer; in all, forty thousand four hundred and fifty dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, and 192:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 187 to 192, and agree to the same with amendments.

Substitute for the amended paragraph the following:

Auditor of the Treasury for the Post-Office Department:

For compensation of the Auditor of the Treasury for the Post-Office Department, three thousand six hundred dollars; deputy auditor, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; eight chiefs of division, at two thousand dollars each; seven clerks of class four and additional to one clerk as disbursing clerk, two hundred dollars; fifty-two clerks of class three; sixty-nine clerks of class two; forty-five clerks of class one; five clerks, at one thousand dollars each; one assistant messenger; nineteen laborers; twenty assorters of money-orders, twenty thousand dollars; also fifteen female assorters of money-orders, at nine hundred dollars each; ten charwomen, at one hundred and eighty dollars each; in all, three hundred and twenty-two thousand and ten dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, and 198:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 193 to 198, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Insert in lieu of the amended paragraph the following:

Treasurer:

For compensation of the Treasurer of the United States, six thousand dollars; assistant treasurer, three thousand six hundred dollars; cashier, three thousand six hundred dollars; assistant cashier, three thousand two hundred dollars; chief clerk, two thousand five hundred dollars; five chiefs of division, at two thousand five hundred dollars each; one principal bookkeeper, at two thousand five hundred dollars; one assistant bookkeeper, at two thousand four hundred dollars; two tellers, at two thousand five hundred dollars each; two assistant tellers, at two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars each; twenty-six clerks of class four; seventeen clerks of class three; fifteen clerks of class two; sixteen clerks of class one; five clerks, at one thousand dollars each; one hundred clerks, at nine hundred dollars each;

six messengers; six assistant messengers; twenty-six laborers; and seven laborers, at two hundred and forty dollars each; in all, two hundred and eighty-three thousand two hundred dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

For one month's pay of all employés of the Treasury Department discharged under the provisions of this act, to be paid out of the appropriation for temporary clerks, five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Amendments numbered 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, and 211:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 206 to 211, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Substitute in lieu of the amended paragraph the following:

Register of the Treasury:

For compensation of the Register of the Treasury, four thousand dollars; assistant register, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; six clerks of class four, one of whom shall receive two hundred dollars additional for services as disbursing clerk and shall give bond in such amount as the Secretary of the Treasury may determine; six clerks of class three; eight clerks of class two; eight clerks of class one; two clerks at one thousand dollars each; six copyists at nine hundred dollars each; one assistant messenger; and three laborers; in all, fifty-seven thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, and 217:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 212 to 217, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Substitute for the amended paragraph the following:

For the division of loans, namely: Five chiefs of division, at two thousand dollars each; eight clerks of class four; seven clerks of class three; three clerks of class two; four clerks of class one; two clerks at one thousand dollars each; fifty-four copyists and counters, at nine hundred dollars each; one messenger; three assistant messengers; and four laborers; in all, one hundred thousand eight hundred and forty dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, and 226:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 218 to 226, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Substitute for the amended paragraph the following:

Comptroller of the Currency:

For Comptroller of the Currency, five thousand dollars; deputy comptroller, two thousand eight hundred dollars; four chiefs of division, at two thousand two hundred dollars each; one stenographer, at one thousand six hundred dollars; eight clerks of class four; additional to bond-clerk, two hundred dollars; eleven clerks of class three; eight clerks of class two; eight clerks of class one; two clerks, at one thousand dollars each; twenty-five clerks, at nine hundred dollars each; one messenger, two assistant messengers, and three laborers; and two night-watchmen; in all, one hundred and one thousand two hundred and eighty dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 231:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 231, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out of said amendment the words "and sixty"; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, and 238:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 232 to 238, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Substitute for the amended paragraph the following:

Bureau of Statistics:

For the officer in charge of the Bureau of Statistics, two thousand four hundred dollars; chief clerk, two thousand dollars; four clerks of class four; five clerks of class three; five clerks of class two; four clerks of class one; three clerks at one thousand dollars each; five copyists, at nine hundred dollars each; one assistant messenger; one laborer, and one female laborer, at four hundred and eighty dollars; in all, forty thousand seven hundred and sixty dollars. And for the additional duties imposed upon the Bureau of Statistics by the legislation of the second session of the Forty-third Congress, the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, to be expended, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, in payment of the services of experts and for other necessary expenditures connected with the collection of facts relative to the internal and foreign commerce of the United States;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 239, 240, 241, 242, and 243:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 239 to 243, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Substitute for the amended paragraph the following:

Bureau of Engraving and Printing:

For chief of bureau, four thousand five hundred dollars; one assistant, at two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; accountant, two thousand dollars; one stenographer, one thousand six hundred dollars; one clerk of class three; one clerk of class two; four clerks of class one; one clerk, at one thousand dollars; three copyists, at nine hundred dollars each; two assistant messengers; and four laborers; in all, twenty-five thousand nine hundred and thirty dollars; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, and 252:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 244 to 252, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Substitute for the amended paragraph the following:

Commissioner of Internal Revenue:

For Commissioner of Internal Revenue, six thousand dollars; one deputy commissioner, three thousand two hundred dollars; two heads of division, at two thousand five hundred dollars each; five heads of division, at two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars each; one stenographer, one thousand eight hundred dollars; twenty-three clerks of class four; twenty-six clerks of class three; thirty-six clerks of class two; twenty-one clerks of class one; thirteen clerks, at one thousand dollars each; fifty clerks, at nine hundred dollars each; four assistant messengers; and ten laborers; in all, two hundred and fifty-four thousand three hundred and thirty dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 262:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 262, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of "fifty thousand four hundred and seventy," insert *forty-nine thousand and seventy;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 265:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 265, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of "twenty-three thousand two hundred," insert *twenty-two thousand and eighty;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 269 and 270:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 269 and 270, and agree to the same, with amendments as follows:

In lieu of the number proposed by 269, insert *four;* and in lieu of the amount proposed by 270, insert *thirty-two thousand eight hundred dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 273:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 273, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of "twenty-two thousand," insert *twenty thousand six hundred;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 279:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 279, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of "thirteen thousand eight hundred and ten," insert *thirteen thousand and ninety;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 281:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 281, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out "four hundred and sixty" and insert *two hundred and eighty;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 290 and 291:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 290 and 291, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

In both cases add the letter "*s*" to the word "office," making them plural; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 296:

That the House recede from its disagreem ent to the amendment of the Senate numbered 296, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out "six thousand" and insert *five thousand seven hundred;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 301, 302, 303, 304:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amen dments of the Senate numbered 301 to 304, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out the paragraph proposed to be inserted and insert the following:

Government in the Territories:

That from and after the adjournment of the next session of the several Territorial legislatures the council of each of the Territories of the United States shall not exceed twelve members; and the house of representatives of each shall not exceed twenty-four members; and the members of each branch

of said several legislatures shall receive a compensation of four dollars per day each during the sessions provided by law, and shall receive such mileage as the law provides; and the president of the council and the speaker of the house of representatives shall each receive six dollars per day for the same time.

And the several legislatures at their next sessions are directed to divide their respective Territories into as many council and representative districts as they desire, which districts shall be as nearly equal as practicable, taking into consideration population, except "Indians not taxed": Provided, The number of council districts shall not exceed twelve and the representative districts shall not exceed twenty-four in any one of said Territories; and all parts of sections eighteen hundred and forty-seven, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and nineteen hundred and twenty-two of the Revised Statutes of the United States in conflict with the provisions herein are repealed;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 305, 306, and 307:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 305, 306, and 307, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by 305, insert *fourteen thousand five hundred dollars;* in lieu of the sum proposed by 306 insert *fourteen thousand dollars;* in lieu of the sum proposed by 307 insert *fourteen thousand dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, and 314:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 308 to 314, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Substitute for the amended paragraph the following:

War Department:

For compensation of the Secretary of War, eight thousand dollars; one chief clerk, at two thousand five hundred dollars; one disbursing clerk, at two thousand dollars; one stenographer, at one thousand eight hundred dollars; two chief clerks of division, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; five clerks of class four; four clerks of class three; four clerks of class two; twelve clerks of class one; one clerk, at one thousand dollars; eight assistant messengers; and seven laborers; and six watchmen for the northwest Executive building; in all, sixty-eight thousand six hundred and forty dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, and 320:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 315 to 320, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Substitute for the amended paragraph the following:

Bureau of Military Justice:

One chief clerk, at one thousand eight hundred dollars; one clerk of class three; one clerk of class one; one assistant messenger; in all, five thousand three hundred and twenty dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 323, 324, and 325:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 323 to 325, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Substitute for the amended paragraph the following:

In the Office of the Adjutant-General:
e chief clerk, at two thousand dollars; eleven clerks of class four; teen clerks of class three; thirty-five clerks of class two; one hundred fifty-one clerks of class one; six clerks, at one thousand dollars each; assistant messengers; in all, two hundred and ninety thousand nine red and sixty dollars;
r contingent expenses, two hundred and fifty dollars.
d the Senate agree to the same.
iendment numbered 335:
at the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of ienate numbered 335, and agree to the same with an amendment as vs:
lieu of the sum proposed insert *one hundred and fifty thousand nine red and eighty dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.
nendments numbered 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, and 342:
at the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of ienate numbered 336 to 342, and agree to the same with amendss as follows:
bstitute for the amended paragraph the following:
In the Office of the Commissary-General:
e chief clerk, at two thousand dollars; one clerk of class four; three of class three; four clerks of class two; ten clerks of class one; two , at one thousand dollars each; one assistant messenger; two laborand two watchmen; in all, thirty-one thousand five hundred and sixty rs.
id the Senate agree to the same.
nendment numbered 343:
at the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the te numbered 343, and agree to the same with an amendment as vs:
lieu of the sum proposed insert *five thousand five hundred dollars;* he Senate agree to the same.
nendments numbered 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, and 355:
at the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of Senate numbered 344 to 355, and agree to the same with amendss as follows:
bstitute for the amended paragraph the following:
In the Office of the Surgeon-General:
e chief clerk, at two thousand dollars; eight clerks of class four; six s of class three; nine clerks of class two; one hundred and six clerks ass one; fourteen clerks, at one thousand dollars each; one anatomist e Army Medical Museum, at one thousand six hundred dollars; one eer in division of records and museum, at one thousand four hundred rs; one assistant messenger and twenty-two watchmen and laborers; , one hundred and ninety-eight thousand and forty dollars; Provided, the Secretary of War, if the public necessity so require, may detail xceeding twenty enlisted men for clerical service in this bureau.
r contingent expenses, namely: Blank books, stationery, rent, fuel, gas ture, repairs, and incidentals, six thousand five hundred dollars.
id the Senate agree to the same.
nendment numbered 361:
at the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the te numbered 361, and agree to the same with an amendment as vs:
lieu of "twenty-one thousand seven hundred and sixty," insert

twenty thousand three hundred and eighty; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 362, 363, 364, 365, and 366:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 362 to 366, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Substitute for the amended paragraph the following:

In the Office of the Paymaster-General:

One chief clerk, at two thousand dollars; six clerks of class four; six clerks of class three; twelve clerks of class two; nine clerks of class one; three clerks, at one thousand dollars each; one assistant messenger; two watchmen; and three laborers; in all, fifty-seven thousand and twenty dollars.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 367, 368, 369, 370, and 371:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 367 to 371, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Substitute for the amended paragraph the following:

In the Office of the Chief of Engineers:

One chief clerk, at two thousand dollars; four clerks of class four; two clerks of class three; three clerks of class two; three clerks of class one; one clerk, at one thousand dollars; one assistant messenger; and two laborers; in all, twenty-three thousand two hundred and forty dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 373, 376, 379, and 380:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 373, 376, 379, and 380, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

In 373, in lieu of "five thousand five hundred and twenty," insert *five thousand one hundred and sixty;* in 376, in lieu of "five thousand and forty," insert *four thousand six hundred and twenty;* in 379, in lieu of "4,320," insert *three thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars;* in 380, in lieu of "ten thousand three hundred and twenty," insert *insert nine thousand nine hundred and sixty;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, and 389:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 382 to 389, and agree to the same with amendments respectively as follows:

In lieu of the sums proposed insert:

For 382, *twenty thousand dollars;* for 383, *six hundred and sixty dollars;* for 384, *six hundred and sixty dollars;* for 385, *six hundred and sixty dollars;* for 386, *one thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars;* for 387, *six hundred and sixty dollars;* for 388, *one thousand three hundred and twenty dollars;* for 389, *six hundred and sixty dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 390, 391, 392, and 393:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 390 to 393, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Substitute for the amended paragraph the following:

Navy Department:

For compensation of the Secretary of the Navy, eight thousand dollars; for compensation of the chief clerk of the Navy Department, two thousand five hundred dollars; one disbursing clerk, two thousand dollars; four clerks of class four; two clerks of class three; one clerk of class two; four

clerks of class one; three clerks at one thousand dollars each; two messengers and two laborers; in all, thirty-four thousand eight hundred and sixty dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 400, 402, 404, 407, 409, 412, 417, 420, and 421:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 400, 402, 404, 407, 409, 412, 417, 420, and 421, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

In lieu of the sums proposed by said amendments, insert respectively as follows:

For 400, *eleven thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars;* for 402, *eleven thousand seven hundred and eighty dollars;* for 404, *six thousand one hundred and eighty dollars;* for 407, *seven thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars;* for 409, *ten thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars;* for 412, *ten thousand one hundred and eighty dollars;* for 417, *fourteen thousand five hundred and eighty dollars;* for 420, *five thousand seven hundred and eighty dollars;* for 421, *four thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars;*

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, and 431:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 422 to 431, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Substitute for the amended paragraph the following:

Department of the Interior:

For compensation of the Secretary of the Interior, eight thousand dollars; Assistant Secretary, three thousand five hundred dollars; chief clerk, two thousand five hundred dollars, and two hundred dollars additional as superintendent of the Patent Office building; one law clerk in the office of the Assistant Attorney-General of the Interior Department, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; six clerks, at two thousand dollars each, one of whom shall be disbursing clerk; four clerks of class four; four clerks of class three; four clerks of class two; five clerks of class one, one of whom shall be the telegraph operator of the department; six copyists; four assistant messengers; four laborers; for one captain of the watch, one thousand dollars; and forty watchmen, to be allotted to day or night service, as the Secretary of the Interior may direct; in all, ninety-one thousand nine hundred and seventy dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 433:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 433, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of "$2,000," insert *one thousand nine hundred;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, and 441:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 435 to 441, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Substitute for the amended paragraph the following:

General Land Office:

For the Commissioner of the General Land Office, four thousand dollars; chief clerk, two thousand dollars; law clerk, two thousand dollars: recorder, two thousand dollars; three principal clerks, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; five clerks of class four; twenty-two clerks of class three; forty

clerks of class two; seventy clerks of class one; six clerks at one thousand dollars each; one draughtsman, one thousand six hundred dollars; one assistant draughtsman, one thousand four hundred dollars; seven assistant messengers, eight laborers, and two packers; in all, two hundred and twenty thousand three hundred and sixty dollars: Provided, That the Secretary of the Interior, in his discretion, shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to use any portion of said appropriation for piece-work, or by the day, month, or year, at such rate or rates as he may deem just and fair, not exceeding a salary of nine hundred dollars per annum;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, and 448.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 442 to 448, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Substitute for the amended paragraph the following:

Indian Office:

For compensation of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, three thousand dollars; chief clerk, two thousand dollars; five clerks of class four; seven clerks of class three; one stenographer, at one thousand six hundred dollars; eleven clerks of class two; ten clerks of class one; six clerks at one thousand dollars each; six copyists at nine hundred dollars each; two assistant messengers; and one laborer; in all, sixty-seven thousand seven hundred dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, and 457:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 449 to 457, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Substitute for the amended paragraph the following:

Pension Office:

For compensation of the Commissioner of Pensions, three thousand six hundred dollars; chief clerk, two thousand dollars; medical referee, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; twenty-six clerks of class four; fifty-two clerks of class three; eighty-four clerks of class two; one hundred and forty-seven clerks of class one; ten clerks at one thousand dollars each; one skilled mechanic at one thousand two hundred dollars; thirty copyists, at nine hundred dollars each; one engineer, at one thousand two hundred dollars, and one assistant engineer, at one thousand dollars; one messenger twelve assistant messengers, eight laborers, and two watchmen; in all, four hundred and eighty-eight thousand three hundred and thirty dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 459:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 459, and agree to the same, with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed, insert *eleven thousand dollars.*

Amendments numbered 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, and 472:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 460 to 472, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Substitute for the amended paragraph the following:

United States Patent-Office:

For compensation of the Commissioner of the Patent-Office, four thousand five hundred dollars; for Assistant Commissioner, three thousand dollars; for chief clerk, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; three examiners-in-chief, at three thousand dollars each; examiner in charge of interferences,

two thousand five hundred dollars; trade-mark examiner, two thousand four hundred dollars; twenty-two principal examiners, at two thousand four hundred dollars each; twenty-two first assistant examiners, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; twenty-two second assistant examiners, at one thousand six hundred dollars each; twenty-two third assistant examiners, at one thousand four hundred dollars each; one financial clerk, two thousand dollars, who shall give bond in such amount as the Secretary of the Interior may determine; one librarian, two thousand dollars; one machinist, one thousand six hundred dollars; four clerks of class four; five clerks of class three (one of whom shall be translater of languages); nineteen clerks of class two; and thirty clerks of class one; thirty two permanent clerks at one thousand dollars each; for sixty copyists-clerks, at nine hundred dollars each; for three skilled draughtsmen, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; for one messenger and purchasing-clerk, one thousand dollars; for one skilled laborer, one thousand two hundred dollars; for ten attendants in model-room, at eight hundred dollars each; and for forty laborers, at six hundred and sixty dollars each; and six laborers at six hundred dollars each; three folders and pasters, at four hundred and eighty dollars each; in all, three hundred and seventy thousand three hundred and ninety dollars.

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 474:

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 474, and agree to the clause proposed to be stricken out by said amendment with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the word "ten," in the first line thereof, insert *fifteen;* and the House agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 476:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 476, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out "five" and insert *two;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 483, 484, 485, 486, and 487:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 483 to 487, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

In lieu of the sums proposed by said amendments, insert, respectively: For 483, *four thousand dollars;* for 484, *four thousand five hundred dollars;* for 485, *three thousand five hundred dollars;* for 486, *six thousand dollars;* for 487, *eleven thousand dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, and 531:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 488 to 531, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Substitute for the amended paragraphs the following:

Post Office Department:

For compensation of the Postmaster-General, eight thousand dollars; chief clerk to the Postmaster-General, two thousand two hundred dollars; stenographer, one thousand eight hundred dollars; appointment clerk of class four, in lieu of a fourth-class clerk now provided for; law clerk, at two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (office of Assistant Attorney-General for Post-Office Department); one clerk of class one; one messenger (clerk of class one), one thousand two hundred dollars; one assistant messenger;

topographer, two thousand five hundred dollars; temporary employes, fifteen thousand dollars; in all, thirty-six thousand six hundred and seventy dollars.

For First Assistant Postmaster-General three thousand five hundred dollars; chief clerks, two thousand dollars; two clerks, of class four; twelve clerks of class three; six clerks of class two; twelve clerks of class one; two clerks, at one thousand dollars each; three assistant messengers; superintendent of blank agency, one thousand eight hundred dollars; assistant superintendent of blank agency, one thousand six hundred dollars; four assistants to superintendent of blank agency, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; two assistants to superintendent of blank agency, at nine hundred dollars each; one assistant messenger; one laborer (for blank agency); superintendent of free delivery, two thousand one hundred dollars; one clerk of class two (office of superintendent of free delivery); in all, seventeen thousand one hundred and forty dollars.

For Second Assistant Postmaster-General, three thousand five hundred dollars; chief clerk, two thousand dollars; chief of division of inspection, two thousand dollars; seven clerks of class four; twenty-six clerks of class three; thirteen clerks of class two; twelve clerks of class one; four clerks, at one thousand dollars each; two assistant messengers; in all, ninety-nine thousand seven hundred and forty dollars.

For Third Assistant Postmaster-General, three thousand five hundred dollars; chief clerk, two thousand dollars; chief of division of dead letters, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; chief of division of postage-stamps, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; five clerks of class four; fourteen clerks of class three; twenty-two clerks of class two; thirty-three clerks of class one; six clerks at one thousand dollars each; fifty-four female clerks, at nine hundred dollars each; three assistant messengers; seven laborers; four female laborers, at four hundred and eighty dollars each; in all, one hundred and seventy-five thousand one hundred dollars.

For superintendent of foreign mails, three thousand dollars; chief clerk, one thousand eight hundred dollars; one clerk of class four; three clerks of class three; one clerk of class two; one assistant messenger; in all, thirteen thousand five hundred and twenty dollars.

For superintendent of the money-order system, three thousand dollars; chief clerk, two thousand dollars; two clerks of class four: five clerks of class three; four clerks of class two; eight clerks of class one; one clerk, at one thousand dollars; three laborers; one assistant messenger; in all, thirty-five thousand five hundred dollars.

For chief of division of mail depredations, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; one clerk of class three; one clerk of class two; two clerks of class one; one clerk, at one thousand dollars; office of disbursing clerk and superintendent of building; disbursing clerk and superintendent, two thousand one hundred dollars; one clerk of class two (accountant); one clerk of class one (storekeeper); engineer, one thousand four hundred dollars; one assistant engineer, nine hundred dollars; one fireman, who shall be a blacksmith, nine hundred dollars; one fireman, who shall be a steam-fitter, nine hundred dollars; one fireman, seven hundred and twenty dollars; one carpenter, one thousand two hundred dollars; one assistant carpenter, one thousand dollars; captain of the watch, one thousand dollars; for fifteen watchmen and twenty-five laborers; in all, forty seven thousand seven hundred dollars.

And for the following additional force in the money-order office, namely: One clerk of class three; one clerk of class one; and two clerks, at nine hundred dollars each; in all, four thousand six hundred dollars.

For contingent expenses of the Post Office Department:

For stationery, nine thousand dollars; fuel for the General Post Office building, including the Auditor's office, four thousand four hundred dollars; for gas, five thousand dollars; plumbing and gas-fixtures, four thousand dollrrs; telegraphing, three thousand dollars; painting, eight thousand dollars; carpets, five thousand dollars; furniture, five thousand dollars; keeping of horses and repair of wagons and harness, one thousand two hundred dollars; hardware, one thousand five hundred dollars; and for rent of house numbered nine hundred and fifteen E street, northwest, one thousand five hundred dollars; miscellaneous items, six thousand dollars; publication of copies of the Official Postal Guide, twenty thousand dollars: in all, seventhree thousand six hundred dollars: Provided, That hereafter the expenditure of the contingent expenses of the Post-Office Department shall be expended as specially directed in the law and according to the appropriations for the items specifically named, and that no moneys appropriated for the specific purposes named under the head of "For contingent expenses of the Post-Office Department" shall be diverted from one purpose to another; and that all moneys unexpended for one or more specific purposes shall be turned into the Treasury, and not expended, by the superintendent and disbursing officer, for any object or purpose whatsoever other than the specific ones named in the appropriation for the "Contingent expenses of the Post-Office Department;"

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 532, 533, 534, and 535:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 532 to 535, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

Substitute for the amended paragraph the following:

Department of Agriculture:

For compensation of the Commissioner of Agriculture, three thousand dollars; chief clerk, one thousand nine hundred dollars; entomologist, one thousand nine hundred dollars; chemist, one thousand nine hundred dollars; assistant chemist, one thousand four hundred dollars; superintendent of experimental gardens and grounds, one thousand nine hundred dollars; statistician, one thousand nine hundred dollars; disbursing clerk, one thousand six hundred dollars; superintendent of seed-room, one thousand six hundred dollars; librarian, one thousand four hundred dollars; botanist, one thousand eight hundred dollars; microscopist, one thousand eight hundred dollars; engineer, one thousand two hundred dollars; three clerks of class four; four clerks of class three; five clerks of class two; six clerks of class one; superintendent of folding-room, one thousand two hundred dollars; lady superintendent of flower-seed room, nine hundred dollars; and for clerks, copyists, laborers, watchmen, carpenters, attendants in museum, and other necessary force, including two clerks of class two, who shall be practical printers, fifteen thousand five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary; in all, sixty-six thousand nine hundred dollars; and in addition to the proper vouchers and accounts therefor to the accounting-officers of the Treasury, the Commissioner of Agriculture shall present a detailed statement of the manner of the expenditure of this sum, to accompany his estimates to be presented at the next regular session of Congress: Provided, That no part of this sum shall be paid to any person receiving at the same time other compensation as an officer or employé of the Department;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 538:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 538, and agree to the following substitute:

And the further sum of five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for

The special purpose of investigating the history and habits of insects injurious to the cotton-plant, and the Commissioner of Agriculture is hereby authorized to pay out of said sum for this purpose the necessary salary, contingent and traveling expenses of observers employed in such duty, and also such additional compensation out of said sum not exceeding one thousand dollars per annum to the entomologist of the Department of Agriculture;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 539:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 539, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out the words "and for" at the beginning of said amendment, and insert the word *including;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 540 and 541:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 540 and 541, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Substitute for the amended paragraph the following:

For salaries of the three judges of the Southern Claims Commission, at the rate of five thousand dollars each; one clerk, at the rate of two thousand five hundred dollars; one stenographer, at the rate of two thousand five hundred dollars; and one messenger, at the rate of one thousand two hundred dollars per annum; in all, seventeen thousand five hundred dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 546:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 546, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of one messenger, insert *two assistant messengers*, and strike out the words "one assistant messenger," immediately following, in line 17, page 58 of the bill; and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 548:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 548, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed by said amendment insert *seventy-three thousand two hundred and eighty dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 553:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 553, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert *twenty-eight thousand and eighty.*

WM. WINDOM,
W. B. ALLISON,
JAS. B. BECK,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
JNO. D. C. ATKINS,
M. J. DURHAM,
CHAS. FOSTER,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and,

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Grover, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (S. 734) for the relief of Alonzo Gesner, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Voorhees that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the motion submitted by Mr. Matthews, that the Senate reconsider its vote postponing the joint resolution (H. R. 176) to provide for the enforcement of the eight-hour law to the first Monday in December next,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 24 / Nays..... 30

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Cameron of Pennsylvania, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Eustis, Grover, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, McCreery, McDonald, Matthews, Mitchell, Oglesby, Paddock, Patterson, Rollins, Sargent, Spencer, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Cockrell, Dorsey, Eaton, Gordon, Harris, Hill, Johnston, Kernan, Lamar, McMillan, McPherson, Merrimon, Morgan, Morrill, Ransom, Saulsbury, Whyte, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following act and joint resolutions:

S. 1047. An act regulating the appointment of cadet-midshipmen and cadet-engineers in the Naval Academy, and for other purposes.

S. 36. Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to deliver to the city of Winterset, Madison County, Iowa, four cannon and carriages for the soldiers' monument in said city.

S. 37. Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to the governor of North Carolina such tent poles and pins as he may require for the use of the militia and volunteer organizations of the State at their summer and fall encampment.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills and joint resolution; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate:

H. R. 1371. An act for the relief of John W. Skiles.

H. R. 3988. An act to organize the Life-Saving Service.

H. R. 195. A joint resolution in relation to committee-clerks and other employés of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills and joint resolution were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Wadleigh,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 300) to amend the statutes in relation to patents, and for other purposes; and,

On motion by Mr. Wadleigh,

Ordered, That the said bill be postponed to and made the special order for Wednesday, December 11, 1878.

Mr. Ferry, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the matters of difference between the two houses on certain amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 4286) to establish post-routes in the several States herein named, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the resolution of the House of Representatives, dated June 14, 1878, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That House bill No. 4286, to establish post-roads in the several States therein named, with the Senate amendments thereto, be returned to the Senate, as a part of said amendments are in the nature of and constitute a revenue bill"—

having met, after full and free conference have been unable to agree touching the matters of difference between the two houses indicated by said House resolution, and ask for a further committee of conference on the same.

T. W. FERRY,
S. J. KIRKWOOD,
S. B. MAXEY,
Managers on the part of the Senate.

J. G. CANNON,
W. R. MORRISON,
A. M. WADDELL,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the conferees at the further conference be appointed by the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Paddock, and Mr. Maxey.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Windom, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5130) making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, reported it with amendments.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills as in Committee of the Whole; and,

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Ordered, That debate on amendments to the bill be confined to five minutes by any Senator on the pending motion.

The amendments reported by the Committee on Appropriations having been agreed to in part,

On the question to agree to the following reported amendment, viz: After line 854, page 35, insert the following words:

For expenses and compensation of the commission appointed by the President to go to Louisiana, six thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Sargent that the amendment lie on the table,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas.....32 / Nays 22

On motion by Mr. Allison,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Barnum, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Hereford, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, McCreery, McMillan, McPherson, Merrimon, Mitchel Morrill, Oglesby, Patterson, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Sargent, Spencer, Teller, Whyte, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Burnside, Butler Christiancy, Coke, Dawes, Gordon, Harris, Hill, Hoar, Lamar, McDonald, Matthews, Morgan, Paddock, Saulsbury, Saunders, Voorhees, Wallace.

So the motion was agreed to.

The reported amendments having been further agreed to in part, and in part disagreed to,

On motion by Mr. Howe to amend the amendment reported in line 1442, page 59,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess this day from half-past five until eight o'clock p. m.

On motion by Mr. McPherson,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, when

The Senate took a recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK P. M.

The bills H. R. 2852, H. R. 4190, H. R. 4287, H. R. 4288, H. R. 4407, H. R. 4289, H. R. 1144, H. R. 2284, H. R. 2374, H. R. 461, H. R. 1286, H. R. 1226, H. R. 696, H. R. 635, H. R. 1210, H. R. 1209, H. R. 1162, H. R. 521, H. R. 556, H. R. 3338, H. R. 2472, H. R. 2353, H. R. 3465, and H. R. 5209, this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The bills H. R. 1875, H. R. 3343, H. R. 4132, H. R. 246, H. R. 658, H. R. 564, H. R. 2518, and H. R. 3623, this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 1875, H. R. 4132, and H. R. 658 be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; that the bill H. R. 246 be referred to the Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads; that the bill H. R. 3343 be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs; that the bill H. R. 2518 be referred to the Committee on Claims; and that the bills H. R. 564 and H. R. 3623 be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

The following message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

To the Senate:

In answer to the resolution of the Senate of the 27th of May ultimo, I herewith transmit a report from the Secretary of State, with accompanying documents.

R. B. HAYES.

WASHINGTON, *June* 17, 1878.

The message was read.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations and be printed.

Mr. Howe, from the Committee on the Library, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Mr. Booth for the appointment of a committee to receive from the donor, for the United States, the century-safe, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution; and the reported amendment having been agreed to,

On the question to agree to the resolution as amended, as follows:

Resolved, That a committee of Senators be appointed to act with a similar committee of the House of Representatives, whose duty it shall be to receive, for the United States, the century-safe, from the donor, on the 22d of February,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 16 / Nays 25

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Dorsey, Eaton, Ferry, Grover, Howe, McCreery, McDonald, Rollins, Saunders, Spencer.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Butler, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Harris, Kernan, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Sargent, Teller, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Windom, Withers.

So the resolution was not agreed to.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (S. 1016) to provide for the distribution of the awards made under the convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico, concluded on the 4th day of July, 1868; and

It has agreed to the third report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 4104) making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the further conference asked by the Senate on the matters of difference between the two houses on certain amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 4286) to establish post-routes in the several States herein named; and has appointed Mr. J. G. Cannon, Mr. Carlisle, and Mr. Waddell managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 4931) to provide for the election of Representatives to the Forty-sixth Congress in the State of West Virginia. It asks a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon; and has appointed Mr. J. T. Harris, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Blair managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 4414. An act to amend the laws relating to internal revenue.

H. R. 196. Joint resolution to pay certain contested-election cases.

The House of Representatives has passed the following resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives do request the Senate

to give leave to the Hon. Stanley Matthews, Senator from the State of Ohio, to attend before the committee of the House of Representatives now charged with the investigation of the frauds in the electoral vote of the States of Louisiana and Florida, to give such evidence of facts concerning the subject-matter of said investigation as may be in his knowledge or possession, as he may be required.

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That there be printed at the Government Printing Office three thousand copies each of volumes four and twelve of the final reports of the Geological and Geographical Survey of the Territories, in quarto form, with the necessary illustrations, fifteen hundred copies of which shall be for the use of the House of Representatives, five hundred for the use of the Senate, five hundred for the use of the Survey, and five hundred for the use of the Smithsonian Institution, the illustrations to be made by the Public Printer under the direction of the Joint Committee on Public Printing.

Resolved, That a committee of five members be appointed to act with a committee of the Senate to receive, on February 22, 1879, the United States centennial-safe and its contents, furnished by Mrs. C. F. Deihm, of New York.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed four enrolled bills (S. 1016, H. R. 1371, H. R. 3988, and H. R. 4422,) and an enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 195), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the bill of the House (H. R. 4931) to provide for the election of Representatives to the Forty-sixth Congress in the State of West Virginia, disagreed to by the House of Representatives; and,

On motion by Mr. Hereford,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agree to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. McMillan, Mr. Teller, and Mr. Merrimon.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolution:

S. 1016. An act to provide for the distribution of the awards made under the convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico, concluded on the fourth day of July, 1868.

H. R. 1371. An act for the relief of John W. Skiles.

H. R. 3988. An act to organize the Life-Saving Service.

H. R. 4422. An act to amend section 4695 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

H. R. 195. A joint resolution in relation to committee clerks and other employés of the Senate and House of Representatives.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 4420) for the relief of Horace E. Mullan.

The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the following bills of the Senate:

S. 268. An act authorizing a general account of advances for naval appropriations.

S. 304. An act to regulate expenditures in the Navy.

S. 561. An act granting a pension to William H. Nims.

S. 1026. An act granting a pension to Ben Alsop.

S. 1052. An act to remove the political disabilities of William W. Loring.

S. 1362. An act for the removal of the political disabilities of H. A. Edmundson, of Salem, Virginia.

S. 1363. An act to remove the political disabilities of E. Kirby Smith, of Tennessee.

S. 1364. An act to remove the political disabilities of William P. Smith.

S. 1396. An act to remove the political disabilities of A. D. Wharton, of the State of Tennessee.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 5130) making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and,

The question being on the amendment proposed by Mr. Howe to the amendment reported from line 1442 to 1452 inclusive, viz: Strike out the words proposed to be inserted by the committee, and in lieu thereof insert the following:

To lay the foundation for a new Library building, on or near the center of reservation number thirty-five, known as Judiciary Square, to be erected according to a plan to be submitted to and approved by Congress,

On motion by Mr. Wadleigh that the amendment proposed to the reported amendment lie on the table,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 35 / Nays 13

On motion by Mr. Howe,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kernan, Kirkwood, McDonald, Matthews, Merrimon, Morrill, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Saunders, Thurman, Wadleigh, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Blaine, Booth, Bruce, Howe, McCreery, Maxey, Mitchell, Ransom, Sargent, Teller, Voorhees.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Howe to amend the same reported amendment by striking out the words proposed to be inserted by the committee, and in lieu thereof inserting the following:

That in order to provide a suitable site for the Congressional Library and for other purposes, there shall be purchased the following parcels of land on the east side of the Capitol grounds, namely, squares designated on the plan of the city of Washington as numbers seven hundred twenty-eight and seven hundred twenty-nine, and triangular parcels designated as numbers seven seven hundred twenty-six, seven hnndred twenty-seven, seven hundred thirty, and seven hundred thirty-one, and bounded on the north by B street north, on the south by B street south, on the east by Second street east, and on the west by First street east.

That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to purchase the

ground above named from the owners thereof, the value of the property so purchased to be paid to the owner or owners thereof out of money hereafter to be appropriated: Provided, That before such payment shall be made, the owner or owners of the property purchased shall, by good and sufficient deed or deeds in due form of law, and approved by the Attorney-General of the United States, fully release and convey to the United States all their and each of their several and respective rights in said titles to such lands and property so purchased.

That to ascertain the value of said property it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to make application to the supreme court of the District of Columbia, which court is hereby authorized and required, prior to the first day of January, anno Domini eighteen hundred seventy-nine, upon such application, in such mode, and under such rules and regulations as it may adopt, to make a just and equitable appraisement of the cash value of the several interests of each and every owner of the real estate and improvements thereon necessary to be taken for the public use, in accordance with the provisions of this act.

That the fee-simple of all premises so appropriated for public use, of which an appraisement shall have been made under the order and direction of said court, shall, upon payment to the owner or owners respectively of the appraised value, or in case the said owner or owners refuse or neglect for thirty days after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy nine, and after the appraisement of the cash value of said lands and improvements by said court, to demand the same from the Secretary of the Interior, upon depositing the said appraised value in the said court to the credit of such owner or owners, respectively, be vested in the United States; and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and required, when the money shall have been appropriated therefor, to pay to the several owner or owners, respectively, the appraised value of the several premises, as specified in the appraisement of said court, or pay into court by deposit, as hereinbefore provided, the said appraised values.

That said court may direct the time and manner in which possession of the property condemned shall be taken or delivered, after an appropriation of the required amount therefor shall have been made and a tender of the same shall have been made, and may, if necessary, enforce any order or issue any process for giving possession. The cost occasioned by the inquiry and assessment shall be paid by the United States; and as to other costs which may arise they shall be charged or taxed as the court may direct.

That no delay in making an assessment of compensation or in taking possession shall be occasioned by any doubt which may arise as to the ownership of the property, or any part thereof, or as to the interests of the respective owners; but in such cases the court shall require a deposit of the money allowed as compensation for the whole property or the part in dispute. In all cases, as soon as the United States shall have paid the compensation assessed or secured its payment by a deposit of money under the order of the court, possession of the property may be taken;

On motion by Mr. Thurman that the amendment proposed to the reported amendment lie on the table,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 40 / Nays 8

On motion by Mr. Howe,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Burnside, Butler, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Flor-

ida, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Plumb, Randolph, Rollins, Saunders, Thurman, Wadleigh, Wallace, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bruce, Ferry, Howe, McCreery, Matthews, Sargent, Teller.

So the motion was agreed to.

The reported amendment was then agreed to.

The reported amendments having been further agreed to,

On the question to agree to the amendment reported from line 1674 to line 1714, and the same having been amended on the motion of Mr. Blaine, the motion of Mr. Conkling, and the motion of Mr. Maxey,

On motion by Mr. Davis, of Illinois, to amend the amendment as amended by striking out the following words:

"And the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to lease to the present proprietors of the Arlington Hotel, or their assigns, the grounds now occupied by them, for a period of five years, or until otherwise provided by law, at an annual rental of one thousand dollars. And he is further directed to lease to the owners thereof the bath-houses of a permanent nature now upon the Hot Springs reservation, and lease to any person or persons upon such terms as may be agreed on sites for the building of other bath-houses, for the term of five years, or until otherwise provided by law, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe; and the tax imposed shall not exceed fifteen dollars per tub per annum.

"In cases where fractions of lots are made by straightening, widening, or laying out streets, the commissioners shall have power to determine the disposal of the same: *Provided*, That all titles given by the United States shall explicitly exclude the right to the purchaser of the land, his heirs or assigns, from ever boring thereon for hot water: *Provided further*, That the Hot Springs, including the reservation and mountain, is hereby dedicated to the people of the United States, and shall remain forever free from sale,"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 19 / Nays 27

On motion by Mr. Kernan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Coke, Conover, Gordon, Hereford, Hill, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Randolph, Ransom, Thurman, Voorhees, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Barnum, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Ferry, Kellogg, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Wadleigh.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to the reported amendment as amended, as follows: After line 1673 insert the following words:

That the sum of twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to pay for clerk-hire, engineering, marshal's fees, salaries, and other expenses of the Hot Springs Commission; and the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint three discreet, competent, and disinterested persons, who shall constitute a board of commissioners, any two of whom shall constitute a quorum, who shall hold their offices for the period of one year from

the date of their appointment, and shall have the same powers and authority in all respects as was provided for the commissioners appointed under the act of Congress approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, entitled "An act in relation to the Hot Springs reservation in the State of Arkansas"; which act is hereby revived and continued in full force for the purpose of enabling said board of commissioners to take possession of all records, papers, and proofs, and to determine the claims presented to the board of commissioners appointed under said act, whose term of office has expired, and to do and perform all other acts and duties authorized by said act. And the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to lease to the present proprietors of the Arlington Hotel or their assigns the grounds now occupied by them for a period of five years, and until otherwise provided by law, at an annual rental of one thousand dollars. And he is further directed to lease to the owners thereof the bath-houses of a permanent nature now upon the Hot Springs reservation, and lease to any person or persons upon such terms as may be agreed on sites for the building of other bath-houses, for the term of five years, and until otherwise provided by law, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe; and the tax imposed shall not exceed fifteen dollars per tub per annum.

In cases where fractions of lots are made by straightening, widening, or laying out streets, the commissioners shall have power to determine the disposal of the same: Provided, That all titles given by the United States shall explicitly exclude the right to the purchaser of the land, his heirs or assigns, from ever boring thereon for hot water: Provided further, That the Hot Springs, including the reservation and mountain, is hereby dedicated to the people of the United States, and shall remain forever free from sale,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 36 / Nays 16

On motion by Mr. Kernan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Armstrong, Barnum, Beck, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Christiancy, Conkling, Conover, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Ferry, Harris, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Maxey, Mitchell, Morgan, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Windom, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Bayard, Butler, Coke, Davis of Illinois, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, Merrimon, Randolph, Ransom, Thurman.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The residue of the reported amendments having been agreed to in part, and in part disagreed to, and the bill further amended on the motion of Mr. Windom, the motion of Mr. Withers, and the motion of Mr. Matthews,

On motion by Mr. Merrimon to further amend the bill by inserting after line 2467 the following words:

That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, instructed to pay out, according to law, the money appropriated by act approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, to pay arrearages due to mail contractors for carrying the mails of the United States in the years eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, eighteen hundred and sixty, and eighteen hundred and sixty-one,

Mr. Hoar raised a question of order, viz, that the amendment was not germane or relevant to the subject-matter contained in the bill, and, under the 29th rule, it could not be received.

The President *pro tempore* having submitted the question to the Senate, Is the amendment in order under the 29th rule?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 31 / Nays 21

On motion by Mr. Merrimon,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Butler, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Dorsey, Eustis, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kernan, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Randolph, Ransom, Saulsbury, Thurman, Voorhees, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Ferry, Hoar, McMillan, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

So it was determined that the amendment was in order.

On motion by Mr. Morrill to amend the amendment by adding thereto the words, *Provided, That it shall not be construed to repeal section three thousand four hundred and eighty of the Revised Statutes,*

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas ..... 24 / Nays 29

On motion by Mr. Hoar,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Ferry, Hoar, Kirkwood, McMillan, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Butler, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Randolph, Saulsbury, Voorhees, Withers.

So the amendment to the amendment was not agreed to.

The question recurring on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Merrimon,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 29 / Nays 23

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Butler, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Lamar, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Randolph, Saulsbury, Voorhees, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Ferry, Hoar, Kirkwood, McMillan, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

So the amendment was agreed to.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Wadleigh, and

A further amendment having been proposed by Mr. Blaine,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Allison, at 3 o'clock and 20 minutes a. m. (Tuesday),

The Senate adjourned.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1878.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 4024) to provide for the holding of a term of the district court of the United States at the city of Charlotte, North Carolina.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 3055. An act to promote a knowledge of steam-engineering and iron-ship-building among the students of scientific schools or colleges in the United States.

H. R. 197. Joint resolution authorizing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to pay certain clerks out of the contingent fund of the House.

The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the following bills of the Senate:

S. 1044. An act granting a site for a dry-dock in the city of Baltimore upon certain conditions.

S. 1088. An act to provide for the revision and correction of assessments for special improvements in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill and joint resolution:

S. 931. An act granting a pension to James Shields.

S. 39. A joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to the governor of Alabama such tents, poles, and pins as he may require for the use of the volunteers of the State at their summer encampment.

The president *pro tempore* signed the four enrolled bills (S. 1016, H. R. 1371, H. R. 3988, and H. R. 4422) and the joint resolution (H. R. 195) yesterday reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

A message from the House of Representatives by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the bill (S. 1262) to amend an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1875.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the following bills of the House:

H. R. 4. An act to provide a penalty for wanton injury to the public

libraries in the District of Columbia and the Territories of the United States.

H. R. 923. An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act to carry into effect the convention between the United States and China, concluded on the eighth day of November, 1858, at Shanghai," approved March 3, 1859, and to give the Court of Claims jurisdiction in certain cases.

H. R. 2401. An act to authorize the claimants to certain lands in Santa Barbara County, California, to submit their claim to the United States district court for that State for adjudication.

H. R. 3968. An act regulating exemption in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 4055. An act to create a revenue in the District of Columbia by levying a tax on all dogs therein, to make such dogs personal property, and for other purposes.

H. R. 5070. An act to detach certain territory from the eastern judicial district of Michigan and to attach the same to the western judicial district of Michigan, and to provide for divisions in said western district, and for holding the district and circuit courts therein, and for other purposes.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 4483. An act to direct the issue of an honorable discharge to William McGovern.

H. R. 4572. An act for the relief of settlers on the public lands.

H. R. 3435. An act to construct a road to the national cemetery at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the resolution of the Senate of May 25, 1878, in relation to a modification of the treaty between the Empire of China and the United States allowing the unrestricted emigration to this country from China.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed eleven enrolled bills (S. 268, S. 304, S. 561, S. 1026, S. 1044, S. 1052, S. 1088, S. 1362, S. 1363, S. 1364, and S. 1396), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

S. 268. An act authorizing a general account of advances for naval appropriations.

S. 304. An act to regulate expenditures in the Navy.

S. 561. An act granting a pension to William H. Nims.

S. 1026. An act granting a pension to Ben Alsop.

S. 1044. An act granting a site for a dry-dock in the city of Baltimore upon certain conditions.

S. 1088. An act to provide for the revision and correction of assessments for special improvements in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

S. 1052. An act to remove the political disabilities of William W. Loring.

S. 1362. An act for the removal of the political disabilities of H. A. Edmondson, of Salem, Virginia.

S. 1363. An act to remove the political disabilities of E. Kirby Smith, of Tennessee.

S. 1364. An act to remove the political disabilities of William P. Smith.

S. 1396. An act to remove the political disabilities of A. D. Wharton, of the State of Tennessee.

The bill (H. R. 2441) for the relief of Robert C. Walker, yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1304) for the relief of Robert C. Walker, late paymaster United States Navy; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be postponed indefinitely.

Mr. McMillan and Mr. Teller were excused from service as managers at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 4931) to provide for the election of Representatives to the Forty-sixth Congress from the State of West Virginia.

Ordered, That the vacancies be filled by the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Hoar.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Windom submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved (the House of Representatives concurring), That the time fixed by the two houses of Congress for the final adjournment of the second session of the Forty-fifth Congress is hereby extended to six o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, the 19th of June current; and at that time the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall adjourn their respective houses without day.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill (H. R. 4414) yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read and passed to a second reading.

Mr. Kirkwood, from the second committee of conference on the matters of difference between the two houses touching certain amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 4286) to establish post-routes in the several States herein named, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the resolution of the House of Representatives, dated June 15, 1878, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That House bill 4286 'to establish post-roads in the several States herein named,' with the Senate amendments thereto, be returned to the Senate, as a part of said amendments are in the nature of and constitute a revenue bill," have met, and, after full and free conference, have been unable to agree "touching the matters of difference between the two houses" indicated by said House resolution.

The conferees upon the part of the Senate proposed to waive all discussion as to the questions of privilege at issue between the two houses, and to take up the House bill No. 4286, with the Senate amendments thereto, and consider them, for the purpose of making a report upon the several matters embraced therein.

The conferees upon the part of the House decline to agree to this proposition for the reason that they do not, in their opinion, possess

any power, under the resolution of the House, to consider the bill or amendments, without an enlargement thereof.

S. J. KIRKWOOD,
A. S. PADDOCK,
S. B. MAXEY,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
J. G. CANNON,
J. G. CARLISLE,
A. M. WADDELL,
Managers on the part of the House.

Mr. Conkling, with the consent of the Senate, withdrew the motion submitted by him that the Senate reconsider its vote on the passage of the bill (H. R. 5137) to legalize the collection of head-moneys already paid.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3343) to authorize the sale of the small-arms now in use in the naval service, and the conversion of the proceeds of such sale in the purchase of arms similar in caliber to the arms now in use by the United States Army, reported it without amendment.

Mr. Kellogg, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3110) granting a pension to Mary McNamara, reported it without amendment, and submitted a report (No. 531) thereon.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

Ordered, That James M. Carpenter have leave to withdraw his petition and papers from the files of the Senate.

The President *pro tempore* signed the eleven enrolled bills (S. 268, S. 304, S. 561, S. 1026, S. 1044, S. 1052, S. 1088, S. 1362, S. 1363, S. 1364, and S. 1396) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The President *pro tempore* signed the enrolled bill (H. R. 5137) reported to have been examined on the 15th instant, and it was delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and an enrolled joint resolution:

S. 931. An act granting a pension to James Shields.

S. 1016. An act to provide for the distribution of the awards made under the convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico, concluded on the 4th of July, 1868.

S. 39. A joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to the governor of Alabama such tents, poles, and pins as he may require for the use of the volunteers of the State at their summer encampment.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the bill (H. R. 5130) making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and,

The question being on the amendment yesterday proposed by Mr. Blaine, viz: After line 2467, insert the following words:

And every claimant under this provision shall be required to give bond to the United States, with satisfactory security, for the repayment of any sum which shall subsequently prove to have been paid by the Confederate Government,

On motion by Mr. Johnston to amend the amendment by striking out the words proposed to be inserted and in lieu thereof inserting the following:

But no money shall be paid to any claimant under this provision until he shall have given bond, with good security, to refund the money so paid, in case it shall appear that he had been paid for the same service by the Confederate States. This clause shall not apply to personal representatives or other fiduciaries;

On motion by Mr. Hill that the amendment to the amendment lie on the table,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 27 / Nays..... 22

On motion by Mr. Blaine,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Christiancy, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Ferry, Hoar, Howe, Kernan, Kirkwood, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Butler, Coke, Conover, Eustis, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Florida, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Saulsbury, Voorhees, Whyte, Withers.

So the motion was agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Hill that the amendment proposed by Mr. Blaine lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 23 / Nays..... 26

On motion by Mr. Blaine,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Butler, Coke, Conover, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Lamar, McCreery, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Saulsbury, Whyte, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Christiancy, Dawes, Ferry, Hoar, Howe, Kernan, Kirkwood, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Windom.

So the motion was not agreed to.

Mr. Blaine having modified his amendment to read as follows:

But no money shall be paid to any claimant under this provision until he shall have given bond, with good security, to refund the money so paid in case it shall appear that he had been paid for the same service by the so-called Confederate States Government;

On the question to agee to the same as modified,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Hoar, the motion of Mr. Windom, the motion of Mr. Blaine, the motion of Mr. Allison, the motion of Mr. Mitchell, the motion of Mr. Morrill, and the motion of Mr. Eaton,

On motion by Mr. Burnside to amend the bill by inserting after line 319 the following:

And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to purchase such lot of land in the city of Providence, Rhode Island, as may be reasonable and necessary for an addition to the old custom-house lot for the use of the government, for the purpose of erecting a new custom-house, and at such price, not exceeding fifty million dollars, as may be agreed upon by any two of three

persons, one to be named by the Secretary of the Treasury, one by the owners of the property, and the third by the two so chosen, and the sum of money so agreed upon be, and the same hereby is, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: Provided, That no money shall be expended for such purpose until the Attorney-General of the United States shall be satisfied of the validity of the United States to said lot of land and a deed thereof approved by him shall have been executed to the United States, nor until the State of Rhode Island shall cede concurrent jurisdiction over the same and also release to the United States the right to tax such lot of land;

On motion by Mr. Sargent that the amendment lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 19 / Nays..... 24

On motion by Mr. Withers,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Cockrell, Coke, Gordon, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Morgan, Sargent, Voorhees, Wallace, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bruce, Burnside, Christiancy, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Dorsey, Ferry, Jones of Florida, McMillan, Matthews, Merrimon, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Ransom, Rollins, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Windom.

So the motion was not agreed to.

The amendment proposed by Mr. Burnside was then agreed to.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Dorsey,

On motion by Mr. Beck to amend the bill by striking out, after line 1466, the following words, "Improving Capitol grounds: For improving Capitol grounds and for paving Pennsylvania avenue around the Naval monument, one hundred thousand dollars; to be expended equally and judiciously in the improvement of the approaches to both the Senate and House wings of the Capitol building";

On motion by Mr. Morrill that the amendment lie on the table,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 24 / Nays..... 27

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Blaine, Burnside, Dawes, Dorsey, Ferry, Hoar, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Plumb, Ransom, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Conkling, Conover, Eaton, Eustis, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Kernan, Kirkwood, McCreery, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Voorhees, Wallace, Whyte, Withers.

So the motion was not agreed to.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Beck,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 25 / Nays..... 25

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Butler, Christiancy, Cockrell,

Coke, Conkling, Eaton, Eustis, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Johnston, Kernan, Kirkwood, McCreery, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Voorhees, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Burnside, Conover, Dawes, Ferry, Hoar, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Paddock, Plumb, Ransom, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Wadleigh, Whyte, Windom.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Teller, the motion of Mr. Plumb, and the motion of Mr. Allison,

On motion by Mr. Allison to amend the bill by inserting, after line 112, page 5, the following words:

And so much of the act entitled "An act providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia" as limits the rank of the officer of the Corps of Engineers of the United States Army to be detailed as commissioner is hereby repealed.

Mr. Bayard raised a question of order, viz, that the amendment not being germane or relevant to the subject-matter contained in the bill could not be received; and,

The President *pro tempore* having submitted the question to the Senate, Is the amendment in order under the twenty-ninth rule?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 39 / Nays..... 9

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bailey, Blaine, Burnside, Conkling, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Dorsey, Eaton, Eustis, Ferry, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Howe, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morgan, Morrill, Oglesby, Paddock, Plumb, Rollins, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Coke, Kernan, Merrimon, Sargent, Wallace, Whyte.

So it was determined that the amendment was in order.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Allison,

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill having been further amended on the motion of Mr. Jones, of Florida, the motion of Mr. Thurman, and the motion of Mr. Dorsey, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question to concur in the following amendment, made in Committee of the Whole, viz: After line 2467, insert the following:

That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, instructed to pay, according to the provisions of the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, the money appropriated by said act to pay arrearages due to mail contractors for carrying the mail of the United States in the years eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, eighteen hundred and sixty, and eighteen hundred and sixty-one: Provided, however, That no payment shall be made to any contractor unless upon satisfactory proof that he has not heretofore been paid by the Confederate States Government; and the claimant shall be a competent witness. But no money shall be paid to any claimant under this provision until he shall have given bond, with good security, to refund the money so paid in case it shall appear that he had been paid for the same service by the so-called Confederate States Government: Provided, That any person who shall knowingly receive or attempt to obtain, under the provisions of this section, any money from the Treasury of the United

States on account of a claim which has once been paid, either by the so-called Confederate States or the United States, shall be punished by fine not exceeding five thousand dollars and by imprisonment not exceeding five years,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 28 / Nays 24

On motion by Mr. Windom,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Bruce, Butler, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Eaton, Eustis, Gordon, Harris, Hill, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Kernan, McCreery, McDonald, Maxey, Merrimon, Morgan, Voorhees, Whyte, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Blaine, Booth, Burnside, Conkling, Davis of Illinois, Dawes, Ferry, Hoar, Howe, McMillan, Matthews, Mitchell, Morrill, Oglesby, Plumb, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Wadleigh, Windom.

So the amendment was concurred in.

The residue of the amendments made in Committee of the Whole having been concurred in in part, and in part non-concurred in,

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Ordered, That the bill, with the amendments of the Senate, be printed.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendments being made, they were reported to the Senate:

H. R. 4337. An act to remove the political disabilities of Larkin Smith, of Georgia.

H. R. 5082. An act for the removal of the political disabilities of William A. Carswell, of Georgia.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved (two thirds of the Senators present concurring), That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts and joint resolution:

S. 27. An act for the relief of Amos B. Ferguson;

S. 76. An act granting a pension to Mary Ann McFarland;

S. 221. An act granting a pension to Mary Kirby Smith Eaton during her widowhood;

S. 334. An act for the relief of William Bowlin, late of Company L, Second Arkansas Cavalry;

S. 394. An act to place the name of Daniel H. Kelly upon the muster-roll of Company F, Second Tennessee Infantry;

S. 535. An act granting an increase of pension to Theodore Gardner;

S. 547. An act granting a pension to Caroline M. Egbert;

S. 594. An act for the relief of William W. Speirs, late assistant surgeon, United States Army;

S. 686. An act granting a pension to Mary Emma Baptist, and Daisy Baptist, minor child;

S. 704. An act granting a pension to Grace Aikins;

S. 712. An act granting a pension to William Loudon;

S. 744. An act granting a pension to Sarah McCooey;

S. 849. An act granting a pension to James C. Downer;

S. 871. An act granting a pension to William Emerson;

S. 902. An act for the relief of Carl Jussen;

S. 1016. An act to provide for the distribution of the awards made under the convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico, concluded the 4th day of July, 1868;

S. 1029. An act for the relief of John M. Lord;

S. 1068. An act for the relief of T. B. Kelly;

S. 1165. An act granting a pension to Mary McAdams;

S. 1206. An act granting a pension to Emily Hughes, alias Burch;

S. 1275. An act granting a pension to John Charles Black;

S. 1332. An act granting a pension to John G. Merritt;

S. 931. An act granting a pension to James Shields; and

S. 39. A joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to the governor of Alabama such tents, poles, and pins as he may require for the use of the volunteers of the State at their summer encampment.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The bills (H. R. 3435, H. R. 3055, H. R. 4483, and H. R. 4572) and the joint resolution (H. R. 197) received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That the bills H. R. 3435 and H. R. 4483 be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs; that the bill H. R. 3055 be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs; that the bill H. R. 4572 be referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and that the joint resolution H. R. 197 be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The resolution of the House of Representatives requesting the Senate to grant leave to the Hon. Stanley Matthews to attend before a committee of the House was read, when Mr. Wallace submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate, in compliance with the resolution of the House of Representatives of yesterday, do allow the attendance of Hon. Stanley Matthews, a member of this house, before the committee of the House of Representatives now charged with the investigation of alleged frauds in the electoral vote of the States of Louisiana and Florida, for the purpose of giving such evidence of facts concerning the subject-matter of said investigation as may be in his knowledge or possession.

Resolved, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Ordered, That the resolutions be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The resolution of the House of Representatives to print three thousand copies each of volumes four and twelve of the final reports of the Geological and Geographical Surveys of the Territories was read, and referred to the Committee on Printing.

The resolution of the House of Representatives providing for the appointment of a committee to receive the United States centennial safe and its contents from Mrs. C. F. Deihm was read.

Ordered, That it lie on the table.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the bill (S. 1404) to provide for the holding of a term of the district and circuit courts of the United States at Lincoln, Nebraska.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the resolution of the Senate extending the time fixed for the final adjournment of the present session of Congress until Wednesday, the 19th instant, at 6 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Dorsey submitted the following resolution for consideration; which was ordered to be printed:

Resolved, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be directed to ascertain the financial standing of the insurance companies chartered by acts of Congress or incorporated under the provisions of the general law or the revised statutes relating to the District of Columbia, or transacting business therein, and report whether such companies have complied with such incorporation acts, and whether such companies, or any of them, are unsafe or insolvent, and whether any further legislation is necessary upon that subject; said committee to have power to require statements under oath from such companies, to send for persons and papers, to continue such investigation during the recess of Congress, and to employ an experienced clerk or actuary; and that the necessary expenses of such investigation be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate upon vouchers approved by the chairman of said committee.

Mr. Butler submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of Agriculture be, and is hereby, relieved for the present session of Congress from further consideration of the subject-matter contained in resolutions of the Senate passed June 8 and June 17, A. D. 1878.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution of the House of Representatives to print three thousand copies each of the volumes four and twelve of the final reports of the Geological and Geographical Surveys of the Territories, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution to print five thousand copies of Senate bill No. 300, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the resolution as amended was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That five thousand copies of Senate bill No. 300, with the proposed amendments, be printed in pamphlet form for the use of the Senate Committee on Patents.

Mr. Anthony, from the Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the resolution yesterday submitted by Mr. Hoar to print copies of Clarke and Hall's Report of Contested Elections in Congress from 1789 to 1834, reported it with an amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said resolution; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the resolution as amended was agreed to as follows:

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring,) That there be printed one thousand two hundred additional copies of Clarke and Hall's Report of Cases of Contested Elections in Congress from 1789 to 1834, of which seven hundred and fifty copies shall be for the use of the House of Representatives, fifty copies shall be for the Library of the House of Representatives, three hundred and fifty copies shall be for the use of the Senate, and fifty copies shall be for the Library of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3435) to construct a road to the national cemetery at Vicksburg, Mississippi, reported it without amendment.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Ordered, That the Senate take a recess this day from half past five o'clock until half past eight o'clock p. m.

The joint resolution (H. R. 196) to pay certain contested-election expenses, yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and an amendment having been proposed by Mr. Conover,

Pending debate,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened, and

The Senate took a recess until half past eight o'clock p. m.

AT HALF PAST EIGHT O'CLOCK P. M.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has disagreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 5130) making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; it asks a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Atkins, Mr. A. S. Hewitt, and Mr. Hale managers at the same on its part.

The Senate proceeded to consider its amendments to the bill of the House (H. R. 5130) making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and,

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Resolved, That the Senate insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agree to the conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Windom, Mr. Dorsey, and Mr. Beck.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The President *pro tempore* laid before the Senate a letter of the president of the Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company, trans-

nitting, in answer to a resolution of the Senate of May 31, 1878, a statement of the amount of the capital stock, the amount of the indebtedness, the gross and net earnings, operating expenses, &c., of said company; which was referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harris presented a memorial of John Cowdon, of Memphis, Tennessee, on the subject of the improvement of the navigation of the Mississippi River and the reclamation of the low lands of the Mississippi Valley; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce.

The bills (H. R. 5201, H. R. 4987, H. R. 4986, H. R. 4984, H. R. 4983, H. R. 4982, H. R. 4980, H. R. 4979, H. R. 4978, H. R. 4975, H. R. 4973, H. R. 4972, H. R. 4971, H. R. 4970, H. R. 4968, H. R. 4967, H. R. 4796, H. R. 4793, H. R. 4795, H. R. 4794, H. R. 4792, H. R. 4703, H. R. 4702, H. R. 4701, H. R. 4700, H. R. 4699, H. R. 4698, H. R. 4697, H. R. 4696, H. R. 4695, H. R. 4694, H. R. 4693, H. R. 4692, H. R. 4691, H. R. 4689, H. R. 4688, H. R. 4687, H. R. 4686, H. R. 4685, H. R. 4684, H. R. 4683, H. R. 4682, H. R. 4681, H. R. 4680, H. R. 4494, H. R. 3925, H. R. 3816, H. R. 3676, H. R. 3598. H. R. 3500, H. R. 3411, H. R. 3408, H. R. 3397, H. R. 3362, H. R. 3266, H. R. 3196, H. R. 3150, H. R. 2975, H. R. 2967, H. R. 2944, H. R. 2943, H. R. 2126, H. R. 2927, H. R. 2296, H. R. 2858, H. R. 2460, H. R. 2826, H. R. 2767, H. R. 2489, H. R. 2544, H. R. 1994, H. R. 1913, H. R. 1843, H. R. 1842, H. R. 1636, H. R. 1443, H. R. 1396, H. R. 1054, H. R. 1045, H. R. 892, H. R. 846, H. R. 837, H. R. 754, H. R. 711, H. R. 698, H. R. 697, H. R. 648, H. R. 592, H. R. 585, H. R. 550, H. R. 529, H. R. 491, H. R. 394, H. R. 309, and H. R. 126) yesterday received from the House of Representatives for concurrence were severally read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

Ordered, That they be referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Wallace presented a memorial of the National Reform Association, praying certain legislation in relation to the finances; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Wallace presented a petition of tobacco-dealers of Philadelphia, praying to be allowed, in the event of a reduction of the tax on tobacco, a rebate or drawback equal to the difference between the old and new rates upon the stock on hand; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Harris obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 1412) to provide for improving the navigation of the Mississippi River, and for the reclamation of the low lands of the State bordering thereon; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

On motion by Mr. Spencer,

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution yesterday submitted by him authorizing the Committee on Military Affairs to sit during the recess of the Senate; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1625) granting a pension to Abram V. Miller, late a lieutenant in Company E, of the One hundred and eighty-fourth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers; and having been amended on the motion of Mr. Voorhees, it was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time.

The said bill as amended was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

H. R. 13. An act for the relief of H. G. Boardman, postmaster at Milton, Vermont.

H. R. 3861. An act to reimburse Richard Joseph for money paid on forged vouchers.

H. R. 3862. An act for the relief of E. B. Head, postmaster at Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

H. R. 4674. An act to aid vessels wrecked or disabled in the waters conterminous to the United States and the Dominion of Canada.

H. R. 2421. An act for the relief of H. H. Lemon, a member of the Capitol police force, for injuries received while in the discharge of his duties in the year 1870.

H. R. 2741. An act granting a pension to William H. Deery, Company G, Second Pennsylvania Volunteers, Mexican war.

H. R. 4370. An act granting a pension to Catharine Harris.

H. R. 4363. An act granting a pension to Levi J. Friel, late private Company K, Seventy-seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

H. R. 3605. An act restoring the name of Marcellus Wilson, of the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen, in the Mexican war, to the pension-roll.

H. R. 4421. An act granting a pension to August Mellon.

H. R. 537. An act for the relief of William P. Hazard.

H. R. 5049. An act authorizing a settlement of the claim of the estate of the late Rear-Admiral John A. Dahlgren.

H. R. 2883. An act for the relief of Murphy and Good, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were severally reported to the Senate:

S. 1405. A bill for the relief of William H. Morgan.

S. 947. A bill for the relief of Major Jacob E. Burbank.

S. 825. A bill for the relief of William L. White.

Ordered, That they be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bills were severally read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass, and that their respective titles be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Paddock, from the Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4572) for the relief of settlers on the public lands, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in Committee of the Whole, the consideration of the joint resolution (H. R. 196) to pay certain contested-election expenses; and Mr. Conover having withdrawn his proposed amendment, and

No further amendment being proposed, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 26) to donate a portion of the military reservation of Fort Harker to the State of Kansas for the establishment of an educational or charitable institution, and to open the remainder of said reservation to settlement; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended to read, "An act to provide for the sale of the Fort Harker military reservation in the State of Kansas."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 5053) to provide for the expenses of the Select Committee on Alleged Frauds in the late Presidential contest.

The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the bill of the Senate (S. 185) to amend section 2931 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, so as to allow repayment by the Secretary of the Treasury of the tonnage-tax where it has been exacted in contravention of treaty provisions.

The House of Representatives further insists upon its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 4931) to provide for the election of Representatives to the Forty-sixth Congress from the State of West Virginia; it asks a further conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Kenna, Mr. Pridemore, and Mr. R. Williams managers at the same on its part.

The House of Representatives has passed the following bills and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. R. 4228. An act to promote the education of the blind.

H. R. 5214. An act providing for the judicial ascertainment of claims against the United States.

H. R. 199. Joint resolution authorizing payment to W. W. Wilshire his expenses in the contest of the third Congressional district of Arkansas, Forty-third Congress.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed five enrolled bills (S. 1262, H. R. 3968, H. R. 4024, H. R. 4104, and H. R. 4420), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 4104. An act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

H. R. 4024. An act to provide for the holding of a term of the district court of the United States at the city of Charlotte, North Carolina.

S. 1262. An act to amend an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1875.

H. R. 4420. An act for the relief of Horace E. Mullan.

H. R. 3968. An act regulating exemptions in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Mitchell, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill (H. R. 4931) to provide for the election of Representatives to the Forty-sixth Congress from the State of West Virginia, reported that, having met, after full and free conference the committee were unable to agree; and,

On motion by Mr. Mitchell,

Resolved, That the Senate further insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and agree to the further conference asked by the House on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Teller, and Mr. Merrimon.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 1094) for the pardon of certain deserters from the United States Army in 1848; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended by striking out the word "pardon" and in lieu thereof inserting *relief.*

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 658) to authorize the restoration of Michael O'Brien to the rank of first lieutenant in the Army; and the reported amendment having been agreed to, the bill was reported to the Senate and the amendment was concurred in.

Ordered, That the bill be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Morrill, at 11 o'clock and 20 minutes p. m.,

The Senate adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1878.

The President *pro tempore* signed the five enrolled bills (S. 1262, H. R. 3968, H. R. 4024, H. R. 4104, and H. R. 4420) yesterday reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

On motion by Mr. Harris,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the memorial of John Cowdon, on the subject of the improvement of the Mississippi River, and that it be referred to the Select Committee on the Levees of the Mississippi River.

On motion by Mr. Harris,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (S. 1412) to provide for improving the navigation of the Mississippi River and for the reclamation of the low lands of the States bordering thereon; and that it be referred to the Select Committee on the Levees of the Mississippi River.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the resolution of the Senate to print five thousand extra copies of the report of the Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries for the year 1876–'77.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 5216) to authorize the payment of customs duties in legal-tender notes, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed eleven enrolled bills (S. 185, S. 1404, H. R. 4, H. R. 13, H. R. 923, H. R. 2401, H. R. 2441, H. R. 4055, H. R. 5049, H. R. 5070, H. R. 5053) and an enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 196), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Withers, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1913) to amend an act granting a pension to Ann Hensley, approved March 3, 1873, reported it without amendment.

Mr Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolutions:

S. 185. An act to amend section 2931 of the Revised Statutes of the United States so as to allow repayment by the Secretary of the Treasury of the tonnage-tax where it has been exacted in contravention of treaty provisions.

S. 1404. An act to provide for the holding of a term of the district and circuit courts of the United States at Lincoln, Nebraska.

H. R. 4. An act to protect public libraries in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

H. R. 13. An act for the relief of H. G. Boardman, postmaster at Milton, Vermont.

H. R. 923. An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act to carry into effect the convention between the United States and China, concluded on the 8th day of November, 1858, at Shanghai," approved March 3, 1859, and to give the Court of Claims jurisdiction in certain cases.

H. R. 2401. An act for the relief of H. H. Lemon, member of the Cap-

itol police force, for injuries received while in the discharge of his duties in the year 1870.

H. R. 2441. An act for the relief of Robert C. Walker.

H. R. 4055. An act to create a revenue in the District of Columbia by levying tax upon all dogs therein, to make such dogs personal property, and for other purposes.

H. R. 5049. An act authorizing a settlement of the claim of the estate of the late Rear-Admiral John A. Dahlgren.

H. R. 5070. An act to detach certain territory from the eastern judicial district of Michigan and to attach the same to the western judicial district of Michigan, and to provide for divisions in said western district and for holding the district and circuit courts therein, and for other purposes.

H. R. 5053. An act to provide for the expenses of the select committee on alleged frauds in the late Presidential election.

H. R. 196. Joint resolution to pay certain contested-election expenses.

The President *pro tempore* signed the eleven enrolled bills (S. 185, S. 1404, H. R. 4, H. R. 13, H. R. 923, H. R. 2401, H. R. 2441, H. R. 4055, H. R. 5049, H. R. 5070, and H. R. 5053) and an enrolled joint resolution (H. R. 196), this day reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred the joint resolution (H. R. 197) authorizing the Clerk of the House of Rrepresentatives to pay certain clerks out of the contingent fund of the House, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said joint resolution as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said joint resolution was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Sargent, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported a joint resolution (S. 42) to correct an error in an enrolled bill; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said joint resolution as in Committtee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said joint resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the following bills, reported them severally without amendment:

H. R. 503. An act granting a pension to Daniel Clary.

H. R. 629. An act granting a pension to Thomas W. Hewitt.

H. R. 4380. An act granting a pension to Aaron H. Miller.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bills as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Mitchell, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (H. R. 4931) to provide for the election of Representatives to the Forty-sixth Congress in the State of West Virginia, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 4931) entitled "An act to provide for the election of Representatives to the Forty-sixth Congress from the State of West Virginia," having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendment No. 3 to the House bill.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the Senate amendments Nos. 1, 2, and 4, and agree to the same.

JOHN H. MITCHELL,
H. M. TELLER,
A. S. MERRIMON,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
JOHN E. KENNA,
A. L. PRIDEMORE,
R. WILLIAMS,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and,

On motion by Mr. Mitchell,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The joint resolution (H. R. 199) authorizing the payment of W. W. Wilshire his expenses in the contest in the third Congressional district of Arkansas, Forty-third Congress, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and considered as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, that it pass to a third reading.

The said resolution was read the third time, by unanimous consent.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 4145) to remove the political disabilities of Washington Gwathmay, of Alabama; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved (*two-thirds of the Senators present concurring*), That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill (H. R. 4931) to provide for the election of Representatives to the Forty-sixth Congress in the State of West Virginia.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the following bills; and no amendment being made, they were reported to the Senate:

H. R. 99. An act granting a pension to Charles Slawson.

H. R. 1913. An act to amend an act granting a pension to Ann Hensley, approved March 3, 1873.

Ordered, That they pass to a third reading.

The said bills were read the third time.

Resolved, That they pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Windom submitted the following resolution; which was considered by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved (*the House of Representatives concurring*), That the time fixed by the two houses of Congress for the final adjournment of the second session of the Forty-fifth Congress is hereby extended to 10 o'clock p. m. this day; and at that time the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall adjourn their respective houses without day.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Windom, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (H. R. 5130) making appropriations for the sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, reported that, having met, after full and free conference the committee had been unable to agree.

On motion by Mr. Windom,

Resolved, That the Senate further insist upon its amendments to the said bill disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and ask a further conference upon the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon.

Ordered, That the conferees on the part of the Senate be appointed by the President *pro tempore*; and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Windom, Mr. Dorsey, and Mr. Beck.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 4989) to amend section 2517 of the Revised Statutes of the United States; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title be amended by adding thereto "making Gardiner and Richmond ports of delivery."

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendment to the title.

On motion by Mr. Withers,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 4981) relating to claim agents and attorneys in pension cases; and the amendment reported by the Committee on Pensions having been disagreed to, and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

On the question, Shall the bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 41 / Nays 9

On motion by Mr. Withers,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bailey, Barnum, Bayard, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Burnside, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Conover, Dawes, Eaton, Eustis, Gordon, Grover, Harris, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kernan, Kirkwood, Lamar, McCreery, McMillan, Maxey, Morrill, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Teller, Voorhees, Wadleigh, Wallace, Whyte, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Christiancy, Coke, Conkling, Dorsey, Hoar, Mitchell, Morgan, Paddock, Spencer.

So the motion was agreed to; and

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they yesterday presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 268. An act authorizing a general account of advances for naval appropriations.

S. 304. An act to regulate expenditures in the Navy.

S. 561. An act granting a pension to William H. Nims.

S. 1026. An act granting a pension to Ben Alsop.

S. 1044. An act granting a site for a dry-dock in the city of Baltimore, upon certain conditions.

S. 1052. An act to remove the political disabilities of William W. Loring.

S. 1088. An act to provide for the revision and correction of assessments for special improvements in the District of Columbia.

S. 1362. An act for the removal of the political disabilities of H. A. Edmundson, of Salem, Virginia.

S. 1363. An act to relieve the political disabilities of E. Kirby Smith, of Tennessee.

S. 1364. An act to remove the political disabilities of William P. Smith.

S. 1396. An act to remove the political disabilities of A. D. Wharton, of the State of Tennessee.

On motion by Mr. Gordon,

Ordered, That the Committee on Commerce be discharged from the further consideration of the bill (H. R. 3714) for the relief of the families of the men who perished on the United States dredge-boat McAlister.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts:

S. 304. An act to regulate expenditures in the Navy.

S. 268. An act authorizing a general account of advances for naval appropriations.

S. 561. An act granting a pension to William H. Nims.

S. 1026. An act granting a pension to Ben Alsop.

S. 1052. An act to remove the political disabilities of William W. Loring.

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S. 1044. An act granting a site for a dry-dock in the city of Baltimore, upon certain conditions.

S. 1088. An act to provide for the revision and correction of assessments for special improvements in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Burnside presented resolutions of the legislature of Rhode Island relative to the depression of the business interests of the country.

Ordered, That they lie on the table.

The Senate having resumed the consideration of bills on the Calendar unobjected to,

On motion by Mr. Voorhees that the further consideration thereof be postponed with a view of proceeding to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 5216) to authorize the payment of customs duties in legal-tender notes,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 33 / Nays..... 19

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Bailey, Beck, Booth, Bruce, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Eustis, Ferry, Grover, Hereford, Hill, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Florida, Jones of Nevada, Kirkwood, McCreery, McDonald, Merrimon, Morgan, Oglesby, Plumb, Ransom, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees, Wallace, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnum, Bayard, Blaine, Burnside, Christiancy, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, Hoar, Kernan, Lamar, McMillan, Mitchell, Morrill, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Wadleigh, Whyte.

So the motion was agreed to; and

On motion by Mr. Voorhees that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (H. R. 5216) to authorize the payment of customs duties in legal-tender notes, this day received from the House of Representatives for concurrence,

Mr. Conkling raised a question of order, viz: That the bill having been this day received from the House of Representatives could not, under the eighth rule, unless by unanimous consent, be presented to the Senate for its consideration until the call of the regular business of the morning hour to-morrow.

The President *pro tempore* decided that it was competent for the Senate to determine whether it could proceed to the consideration of the bill on this day.

From this decision Mr. Conkling appealed to the Senate; and

On the question, Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Senate?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 33 / Nays..... 12

On motion by Mr. Conkling,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Blaine, Cameron of Wisconsin, Christiancy, Cockrell, Coke, Conover, Eustis, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Hoar, Howe, Ingalls, Johnston, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Kernan, Lamar, McDonald, Maxey, Mitchell, Plumb, Rollins, Saunders, Teller, Voorhees, Wallace, Withers.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Barnum, Burnside, Conkling, Dawes, Eaton, McMillan, Merrimon, Morrill, Sargent, Saulsbury, Wadleigh, Whyte.

So it was

Resolved, That the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Senate; and

The said bill was laid before the Senate, read, and passed to a second reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, a bill of the Senate (S. 1200) to create an auditor of railroad accounts, and for other purposes.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the resolution of the Senate extending the time fixed for the final adjournment of the present session of Congress until 10 o'clock p. m. this day.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 4234) to provide that all pensions on account of death or wounds received or disease contracted in the service of the United States during the late war of the rebellion, which have been granted, or which shall hereafter be granted, shall commence from the date of death or discharge from the service of the United States, for the payment of arrears of pensions, and for other purposes; in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives further insists upon its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill of the House (H. R. 5130) making appropriations for the sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, insisted upon by the Senate. It agrees to the further conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses thereon, and has appointed Mr. Atkins, Mr. A. S. Hewitt, and Mr. Hale managers at the same on its part.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed fifteen enrolled bills (H. R. 537, H. R. 2421, H. R. 2741, H. R. 3605, H. R. 3861, H. R. 3862, H. R. 2883, H. R. 4337, H. R. 4363, H. R. 4370, H. R. 4421, H. R. 4572, H. R. 4674, H. R. 5082, and H. R. 4931) and two enrolled joint resolutions (H. R. 197 and H. R. 199), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolutions:

H. R. 537. An act for the relief of William P. Hazard.

H. R. 2421. An act for the relief of H. H. Lemon, member of the Capitol police force, for injuries received while in the discharge of his duties in the year 1870.

H. R. 2741. An act granting a pension to William H. Deery, Company G, Second Pennsylvania Volunteers, Mexican war.

H. R. 3605. An act restoring the name of Marcellus Wilson, of the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen in the Mexican war, to the pension-roll.

H. R. 3861. An act to reimburse Richard Joseph for money paid on forged vouchers.

H. R. 3862. An act for the relief of E. B. Head, postmaster at Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

H. R. 2883. An act for the relief of Murphy and Good, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

H. R. 4337. An act to remove the political disabilities of Larkin Smith, of Georgia.

H. R. 4363. An act granting a pension to Levi J. Friel, late private Company K, Seventy-seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

H. R. 4370. An act granting a pension to Catharine Harris.

H. R. 4421. An act granting a pension to August Mellon.

H. R. 4572. An act for the relief of settlers on the public lands.

H. R. 4674. An act to aid vessels wrecked or disabled in the waters conterminous to the United States and the Dominion of Canada.

H. R. 5082. An act for the removal of the political disabilities of William A. Carswell, of Georgia.

H. R. 4931. An act amending the laws with reference to elections in certain States.

H. R. 197. Joint resolution authorizing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to pay certain clerks out of the contingent fund of the House.

H. R. 199. Joint resolution authorizing payment to W. W. Wilshire his expenses in the contest of the third Congressional district of Arkansas, Forty-third Congress.

The President *pro tempore* signed the fifteen enrolled bills (H. R. 537, H. R. 2421, H. R. 2741, H. R. 3605, H. R. 3861, H. R. 3862, H. R. 2883, H. R. 4337, H. R. 4363, H. R. 4370, H. R. 4421, H. R. 4572, H. R. 4674, H. R. 5082, and H. R. 4931) and two enrolled joint resolutions (H. R. 197 and H. R. 199), and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Spencer, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1403) to aid the completion of the soldiers and sailors' monument at Chalmette National Cemetery, Louisiana, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3435) to construct a road to the national cemetery at Vicksburg, Mississippi; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

The Senate took a recess until 8 o'clock p. m.

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK P. M.

Mr. Allison submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the select committee appointed under the resolution of the 5th instant to make inquiry concerning the alleged connection of Senator Matthews with matters relative to the late Presidential elec-

tion in Louisiana, in exercising the power heretofore granted to sit during the recess of Congress, may hold its sessions at such place or places as it shall deem most convenient for the purposes of the investigation.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 2791) granting additional pension to Mrs. Margaret J. Lovell, widow of the late Charles S. Lovell; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

Ordered, That the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds have leave to sit during the recess of Congress.

On motion by Mr. Saunders,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 144) to establish the Territory of Lincoln and to provide a temporary government therefor; and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Bayard,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday in December next.

Mr. Voorhees, from the Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4985) granting a pension to George Denney, reported it without amendment.

The Senate proceeded, by unanimous consent, to consider the said bill as in Committee of the Whole; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Morrill,

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of executive business; and

After the consideration of executive business the doors were opened.

Mr. Lamar presented the petition of citizens of Mississippi, praying that aid be granted to the Texas Pacific Railroad Company, and also favoring the construction of a railway from San Antonio, Texas, to the Rio Grande; which was referred to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Windom submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved (*the House of Representatives concurring*), That the time fixed by the two houses of Congress for the final adjournment of the second session of the Forty-fifth Congress is hereby extended to three o'clock a. m. of Thursday, the 20th day of June, and at that time the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall adjourn their respective houses without day.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 42) to correct an error in an enrolled bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate; and

It has passed a bill (H. R. 5018) for the relief of Somerville Nicholson in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the title of the bill (H. R. 4989) to amend section 2517 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills (S. 1200 and H. R. 503), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 503. An act granting a pension to Daniel Clary; and

S. 1200. An act to create an auditor of railroad-accounts, and for other purposes.

The President *pro tempore* signed the two enrolled bills (H. R. 503 and S. 1200) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 42) to correct an error in an enrolled bill.

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Thurman submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are tendered Hon. Thomas W. Ferry, President of the Senate, for the able and impartial discharge of his duties as such presiding officer.

Mr. Ransom submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are tendered Hon. William A. Wheeler, Vice-President, for the able and impartial discharge of his duties as presiding officer of this body.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the resolution of the Senate extending the time for the final adjournment of Congress until one o'clock a. m. of Thursday.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 5217) to fix the pay of letter-carriers, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed four enrolled bills (H. R. 99, H. R. 2791, H. R. 629, and H. R. 4145), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 99. An act granting a pension to Charles Slawson.

H. R. 2791. An act granting additional pension to Mrs. Margaret J. Lovell, widow of the late General Charles S. Lovell.

H. R. 629. An act to grant a pension to Thomas W. Hewitt.

H. R. 4145. An act to remove the political disabilities of Washington Gwathmay, of Alabama.

The President *pro tempore* signed the four enrolled bills (H. R. 99, H. R. 2791, H. R. 629, and H. R. 4145) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the

bill (H. R. 3110) granting a pension to Mary McNamara; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 734) for the relief of Alonzo Gesner; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion by Mr. Conover,

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1496) for the relief of George H. Giddings; and,

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Bailey that the further consideration thereof be postponed to the first Monday in December next,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 19 / Nays..... 24

On motion by Mr. Conover,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bayard, Burnside, Christiancy, Ferry, Harris, Howe, Johnston, Kernan, McDonald, Morgan, Morrill, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Thurman, Wallace, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Blaine, Bruce, Butler, Cameron of Wisconsin, Cockrell, Conkling, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Dorsey, Eaton, Gordon, Hill, Hoar, Ingalls, Jones of Florida, Kellogg, Merrimon, Mitchell, Paddock, Saunders, Spencer, Teller, Voorhees.

So the motion was not agreed to.

On motion by Mr. Bailey to amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and in lieuing thereof inserting the following:

That the action brought in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six by George H. Giddings against the United States in the Court of Claims and stricken from the docket in eighteen hundred and sixty-three for want of prosecution, be reinstated on the docket, and that said cause be heard and determined by said court,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas..... 16 / Nays..... 24

On motion by Mr. Bailey,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Burnside, Ferry, Harris, Hoar, Howe, Johnston, Jones of Nevada, Kernan, McDonald, Morgan, Morrill, Rollins, Saulsbury, Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Blaine, Bruce, Butler, Christiancy, Cockrell, Conkling, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Eaton, Gordon, Hill, Ingalls, Kellogg, Lamar, McMillan, Merrimon, Mitchell, Paddock, Ransom, Saunders, Spencer, Voorhees.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

And no further amendment being proposed, the bill was reported to the Senate.

And on the question, Shall the bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 23 / Nays..... 17

On motion by Mr. Kernan,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Blaine, Bruce, Butler, Cockrell, Conkling, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Gordon, Hill, Ingalls, Jones of Nevada, Kellogg, Lamar, Merrimon, Mitchell, Paddock, Ransom, Saunders, Spencer, Voorhees, Windom.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Barnum, Bayard, Burnside, Eaton, Ferry, Harris, Johnston, Kernan, McDonald, McMillan, Morgan, Morrill, Rollins, Sargent, Saulsbury, Wallace.

So it was

Resolved, That the bill pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Lamar,

Ordered, That the memorial of John Cowden be printed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (H. R. 5130) making appropriations for the sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the bill of the Senate (S. 566) in relation to the Venezuelan Mixed Commission.

The House of Representatives has passed a bill (H. R. 5218) to establish post-routes in the several States herein named, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed six enrolled bills (H. R. 1913, H. R. 3435, H. R. 3714, H. R. 4380, H. R. 4981, and H. R. 4985) and an enrolled joint resolution (S. 42), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolution:

H. R. 1913. An act to amend an act granting a pension to Ann Hensley, approved March 3, 1873;

H. R. 3435. An act to construct a road to the national cemetery at Vicksburg, Mississippi;

H. R. 3714. An act for the relief of the families of the men who perished on the United States dredge-boat McAlister;

H. R. 4380. An act granting a pension to Aaron H. Miller;

H. R. 4981. An act relating to claim-agents and attorneys in pension cases;

H. R. 4985. An act granting a pension to George Denney; and

S. 42. Joint resolution to amend the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes."

The President *pro tempore* signed the six enrolled bills (H. R. 1913

H. R. 3435, H. R. 3714, H. R. 4380, H. R. 4981, and H. R. 4985) and the enrolled joint resolution (S. 42) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Windom, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill of the House (H. R. 5130) making appropriations for the sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, submitted the following report:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 5130) making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference have agreed to recommend, and do recommend, to their respective houses as follows:

That the Senate recede from its amendments numbered 10, 13, 14, 16, 22, 23, 42½, 43, 44, 53, 62, 66, 67, 71, 75, 77, 81, 93, 99, 101, 113, 114, 139, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 155, 156, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 182, 214, 215, 216, 220, and 224.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 17, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, 29, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 38, 41, 42, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 63, 64, 65, 68, 69, 70, 72, 73, 74, 78, 79, 82, 83, 84, 86, 88, 89, 92, 95, 96, 97, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 116, 118, 119, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 131, 132, 133, 140, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 157, 180, 181, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 189, 191, 192, 193, 195, 196, 197, 197½, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 212, 219, 221, 225, 226, and 227; and agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 5 and 6:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate numbered 5 and 6, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the matter stricken out insert the following:

And hereafter no binding shall be done for any department of the government except in plain sheep or cloth, and no books shall be printed and bound except when the same shall be ordered by Congress or are authorized by law, except record and account books, which may be bound in Russia leather, sheep, fleshers, and skivers, when authorized by the head of a department, and this restriction shall not apply to the Congressional Library; and when any department shall require printing to be done the Public Printer shall furnish to such department an estimate of the cost by the principal items for said printing so called for, and he shall place to the debit of such department the cost of the same on certification of the head of the department, Supreme Court, Court of Claims, or Library of Congress that said printing is necessary; and the Public Printer is hereby authorized to employ three additional clerks of the third class to make the estimates.

Amendment numbered 9:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 9, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out, after the word "Printer," in line 8, the following: "Under the direction of the Joint Committee on Public Printing," and insert in lieu thereof *the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 15:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of

the Senate numbered 15, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of said amendment insert the words: *And may also, in their discretion, expend not exceeding ten thousand dollars, to be applied in payment of the building already erected by the board of directors of the Children's Hospital; and shall purchase, at a cost of not exceeding forty-eight thousand dollars, two additional fire-engines and one hook-and-ladder, including land, buildings, and equipments complete for two companies, as recommended by the board of fire commissioners of said District;* and add at the end of the paragraph the following: *And the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall have power to assess and collect the taxes for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, upon the basis of their estimates submitted to Congress bearing date January twenty-one, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, as amended June four, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 19:

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 19, and agree to the clause proposed to be stricken out by said amendment with an amendment as follows:

Strike out all after the word "police," in line 27, page 3 of the bill, down to and including the word "notwithstanding," in lines 2 and 3, page 4, and insert in lieu thereof the following: *until otherwise provided by law;* and the House agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 24:

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 24, and agree to the clause proposed to be stricken out by said amendment with an amendment as follows:

Insert after the word "claims," in line 18, page 5 of the bill, the following: *filed prior to the first day of December next;* and the House agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 28:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 28, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert *three hundred and fifty thousand dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 30:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 30, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert *three hundred and fifty thousand dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 34:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 34, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of "fifty" insert *forty;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 37:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 37, and agree to the same, with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert *three hundred and fifty thousand dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 38, 39, and 40:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments numbered 38, 39, and 40, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

In lieu of the sums proposed by 38 insert *fifty thousand dollars;* by 39, *three hundred and fifty thousand dollars;* by 40, *three hundred and fifty thousand dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 49:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 49, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert *seventy-five thousand dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 52:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 52, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out of said amendment the word "may" and insert in lieu thereof the word *shall;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 76:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 76, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert *ten thousand dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 80:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 80, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Insert after the word "of," in line 1 of said amendment, the words *S. Dana Horton* and strike out the words "to be appointed by the President;" and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 85:

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 85, with an amendment as follows:

Insert in lieu of the same the following:

And the Secretary of War is hereby directed to ascertain upon what terms the Moline Water-Power Company will undertake to complete the water power at their own cost, and report the same to Congress at the next session;

And the House agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 87:

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 87, with an amendment as follows:

Insert after the word "dollars," at the end of the paragraph, the following: *For laborers employed in the public grounds, four thousand dollars;* and the House agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 90:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 90, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out "fifty" and insert *twenty-five;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 91:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 91, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert *two hundred and fifty thousand dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 94:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 94, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Add at the end of said amendment the following:

For the purpose of closing up and turning over the affairs of said bureau

as provided for in the act approved December fifteen, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 98:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 98, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of "fifty" insert *forty*, and insert after the word "America" the following: *and for rent of office not exceeding five hundred dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 100:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 100, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of "fifty" insert *twenty-five;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 104:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 104, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the words stricken out insert the following:

And in order to make the final payment on contract for the construction of this machine, the sum of six thousand two hundred and ninety-nine dollars and forty-eight cents of the unexpended balance now remaining on the books of the Treasury of the appropriation for this purpose is hereby reappropriated and made available therefor;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 115:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 115, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of the sum proposed insert *seventy-five thousand dollars*, and after the word "wreck," in line 13, page 35 of the bill, insert *two hundred dollars;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 117:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 117, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Add at the end of said amendment the following:

That the total at the end of the clause beginning "United States Patent Office: For Commissioner, &c.," in the law appropriating for "legislative, executive, and judicial expenses, &c., for the year ending June 30, 1879. *and for other purposes," is hereby amended so as to read, three hundred and ninety-six thousand six hundred and ninety dollars;*

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 120:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 120, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out the words "five dollars," and insert in lieu thereof the words *two dollars and fifty cents;* and strike out the word "twenty," and insert in lieu thereof *ten;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 130:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 130, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of "forty" insert *thirty;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 134.

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of

the Senate numbered 134, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Add at the end of the paragraph the following: *And hereafter no deficiency in the appropriation shall be created;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 135:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 135, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Add at the end of the paragraph the following: *And hereafter no deficiency in the appropriation shall be created;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 136:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 136, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out all after the word "grounds," in line 21 of said amendment, and insert in lieu thereof the following: *not exceeding one acre now occupied by them for a period of ten years unless otherwise provided by law at an annual rental of one thousand dollars. And he is further directed to lease the bath-houses of a permanent nature now upon the Hot Springs reservation to the owners of the same and lease to any person or persons, upon such terms as may be agreed on, sites for the building of other bath-houses, for the term of five years, unless otherwise provided by law, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe; and the tax imposed shall not exceed fifteen dollars per tub per annum, including land rent: Provided, That said leases shall in no way prejudice any legal right that any person or persons may have acquired, under the act hereby revived and continued, to any improvements on said ground: And provided further, That, to prevent a monopoly, no bath-house or hotel shall be supplied with more than enough water for forty bath-tubs of the usual size, unless there shall be more than enough hot water to supply all other demands for the same, in which case no single establishment shall be allowed more than forty bath-tubs of the usual size;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 137:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 137, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of said amendment insert the following:

In cases where fractions of lots are made by straightening, widening, or laying out streets, the Commissioners shall have power to determine the disposal of the same, giving the preference to the owners of abutting lots: Provided, That all titles given or to be given by the United States shall explicitly exclude the right to the purchaser of the land, his heirs or assigns, from ever boring thereon for hot water; and the hot springs, with the reservation and mountain, are hereby dedicated to the people of the United States, and shall remain forever free from sale or alienation;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 188:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment numbered 188, and agree to the same, with an amendment as follows:

Add at the end of said amendment the following:

For pay of a physician at the White Earth agency, Minnesota, one thousand two hundred dollars;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 190:

That the Senate recede from its amendment numbered 190, and agree

to the clause proposed to be stricken out by said amendment, with an amendment as follows:

Insert after the word "rent" the words *a part of*, and after the word "office" the words *being number four hundred and seven Twelfth street, northwest;* and the House agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 194:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 194, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out the sum proposed by said amendment and insert in lieu thereof *one hundred and fifty thousand dollars;* and at the end of the paragraph insert the following:

Provided, That the act entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a district judge for the western district of Tennessee, and for other purposes," approved June fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, be, and the same is hereby, amended as follows:

The western district of Tennessee is hereby divided into two divisions, which shall be known as the eastern and western divisions thereof. The eastern division shall include the counties of Benton, Carroll, Decatur, Gibson, Henderson, Henry, Madison, McNairy, Hardin, Dyer, Lake, Crockett, Weakley, and Obion, and terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for said district shall be held therein, at the town of Jackson, in the county of Madison, at least twice in each year, at such times as the judges thereof shall respectively fix, whenever the authorities of said county or town shall provide suitable buildings therefor free of any expense to the United States. The remaining counties embraced in said district shall constitute the western division thereof, and terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States for said district shall be held therein, at the times and place now prescribed by law. All suits not of a local character which shall be hereafter brought in the district or circuit courts of the United States for the western district of Tennessee against a single defendant, or where all the defendants reside in the same division of said district, shall be brought in the division in which the defendant or defendants reside; but if there are two or more defendants residing in different divisions such suit may be brought in either division, and duplicate writs may be sent to the other defendants. The clerk issuing such duplicate writs shall indorse thereon that it is a true copy of a writ sued out in the proper division of the district, and the original and duplicate writs, when executed and returned into the office from which they shall have issued, shall be proceeded in as one suit, and all issues of fact in such suits shall be tried in the division where the suit is so brought. The clerks of the circuit and district courts for said district shall each appoint a deputy of their respective courts at the place in the eastern division of said district where their said courts are required to be held, who shall, in the absence of the clerk, exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of clerk within said division: Provided, That the appointments of such deputies shall be approved by the court for which they shall be respectively appointed, and may be annulled by such court at its pleasure. The marshal of said district shall also appoint a deputy for said eastern division, who shall reside therein, and in the absence of the marshal perform all the duties devolved upon the marshal by law;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 210:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 210, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out all after the word "during," in line 2 of said amendment, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

The first and second sessions of the forty-fifth Congress at the same rate as committee clerks such sum as may be necessary for that purpose is hereby appropriated;

And the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 211:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 211, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Strike out therefrom the words "and mail-carriers," and strike out the words "July first;" and insert in lieu thereof *October fifteenth;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 213:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 213, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

Insert after "John W. Polk," in line 24, page 56 of the bill, the following: *And the present Doorkeeper and Sergeant-at-Arms;* and strike out the word "five," in line 25, same page, and insert in lieu thereof *seven;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendments numbered 217 and 218:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments numbered 217 and 218, and agree to the same with amendments as follows:

In 217, in lieu of "one hundred and fifty" insert *seventy-five;* in 218, in lieu of "five hundred" insert *two hundred and fifty;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 222:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 222, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of "fifteen" insert *ten;* and the Senate agree to the same.

Amendment numbered 223:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate numbered 223, and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

In lieu of "fifteen" insert *ten;* and the Senate agree to the same.

WM. WINDOM,
S. W. DORSEY,
JAS. B. BECK,
Managers on the part of the Senate.
ABRAM S. HEWITT,
EUGENE HALE,
Managers on the part of the House.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Burnside, Mr. Plumb, and Mr. Butler members on the part of the Senate of the joint committee to take into consideration the subject of the reorganization of the Army, provided for by the tenth section of the act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Oglesby, Mr. Saunders, and Mr. McCreery members on the part of the Senate of the joint committee to consider the question of the transfer of the Indian Bureau from the Interior Department to the War Department, provided for by the fourteenth section of the act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed without amendment the bill of the Senate (S. 1284) creating the Utah and Northern Railway Company, a corporation in the Territories of Utah, Idaho, and Montana, and granting the right of way to said company through the public lands.

The House of Representatives has agreed to the resolution of the Senate extending the time for the final adjournment of the present session of Congress to three o'clock a. m. of Thursday, the twentieth instant.

The bill (H. R. 4234) to provide that all pensions on account of death or wounds received or diseases contracted in the service of the United States during the late war of the rebellion, which have been granted or which shall hereafter be granted, shall commence from the date of death or discharge from the service of the United States, for the payment of arrears of pensions, and other purposes, was read and passed to a second reading.

The bill (H. R. 2443) for the relief of citizens of Montana who served with the United States troops in the war with the Nez Percés, and for the relief of the heirs of such as were killed in such service, was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The bill (H. R. 5018) for the relief of Somerville Nicholson was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

The bill (H. R. 4414) to amend the laws relating to internal revenue was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The bill (H. R. 5214) providing for the judicial ascertainment of claims against the United States was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The bill (H. R. 5217) to fix the pay of letter-carriers was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved (*the Senate concurring*), That the time fixed for the final adjournment of the second session of the Forty-fifth Congress is hereby extended to five o'clock a. m. of the 20th of June current, and at that time the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall adjourn their respective houses without day.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution last received from the House of Representatives, providing for the extension of the time for the final adjournment of the present session of Congress; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The bill (H. R. 5218) to establish post-routes in the several States herein named was read and passed to a second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 1989) to authorize Spencer F. Baird, assistant secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, to receive from the King of Sweden a diploma and medal constituting him a member of the Norwegian Order of St. Olaf, the same being a literary and scientific organization; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (S. 733) authorizing William J. Wilson, assistant surgeon United States Army, to receive from the Khedive of Egypt a decoration for gallantry in battle in the action near Gura, Abyssinia, March 7, 1876; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it be engrossed and read a third time.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass, and that the title thereof be as aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Bruce asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill (S. 1413) to establish the National Academy of Education, giving preference to the genius and talent of the land and to the orphans of the republic; which was read the first and second times, by unanimous consent, and referred to the Committee on Education and Labor.

On motion by Mr. Ingalls,

Ordered, That W. H. Powell have leave to withdraw from the files of the Senate his petition and papers.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 501) for the relief of John C. Birdsell; and

After debate,

On motion by Mr. Cockrell that the further consideration thereof be postponed to the first Monday in December next,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 25 / Nays 14

On motion by Mr. Voorhees,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Allison, Anthony, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Burnside, Christiancy, Cockrell, Davis of Illinois, Eaton, Harris, Hereford, Howe, Ingalls, Kernan, McMillan, Merrimon, Morgan, Morrill, Sargent, Saulsbury, Saunders, Spencer, Thurman, Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Armstrong, Blaine, Bruce, Conkling, Ferry, Hill, Hoar, Lamar, McDonald, Mitchell, Paddock, Ransom, Rollins, Voorhees.

So the motion was agreed to.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the bill of the Senate (S. 1411) granting condemned bronze cannon to the Soldiers' Union of West Virginia.

The House of Representatives has passed the bill of the Senate (S. 493)

to appoint a commission to ascertain the cost of removing the Naval Observatory, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed four enrolled bills (H. R. 1496, H. R. 3110, S. 566, S. 1284), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

The House of Representatives has appointed Mr. Banning, Mr. Dibrell, Mr. Bragg, Mr. Strait, and Mr. Harry White members on the part of the House of the Joint Committee to take into consideration the subject of the reorganization of the Army, as provided by the tenth section of the act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

The House of Representatives has appointed Mr. Scales, Mr. Boone, Mr. Hooker, Mr. Van Vorhes, and Mr. Stewart, members on the part of the House of the Joint Committee to consider the question of the transfer of the Indian Bureau from the Interior Department to the War Department, as provided by the fourteenth section of the act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 1496. An act for the relief of George H. Giddings;

H. R. 3110. An act granting a pension to Mary McNamara;

S. 566. An act in relation to the Venezuelan Mixed Commission; and

S. 1284. An act creating the Utah and Northern Railway Company a corporation in the Territories of Utah, Idaho, and Montana, and granting the right of way to said company through the public lands.

The President *pro tempore* signed the four enrolled bills (H. R. 1496, H. R. 3110, S. 566, S. 1284) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 493) to appoint a commission to ascertain the cost of removing the Naval Observatory; and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring therein), That the Clerk of the House in the enrollment of the act entitled "An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes," be directed to insert the word *five* in that portion of the act aforesaid which fixes the rate per cent. of interest which the bonds of the District of Columbia shall bear, so that said bonds shall draw interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

The House of Representatives has passed, without amendment, the joint resolution of the Senate (S. 41) authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to the governor of West Virginia such tents, poles, and pins as he may require for the use of the militia and volunteer organizations of the State at their summer and fall encampment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution of the House of Representatives to correct an error in the enrollment of an act entitled "An

act making appropriations for the sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes;" and,

On motion by Mr. Sargent,

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The Senate proceeded to consider, as in Committee of the Whole, the bill (H. R. 3343) to authorize the sale of the small-arms now in use in the naval service, and the conversion of the proceeds of such sale in the purchase of arms similar in caliber to the arms now in use by the United States Army; and no amendment being made, it was reported to the Senate.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The said bill was read the third time.

Resolved, That it pass.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

On motion by Mr. Saunders that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill (S. 320) amendatory of the act to incorporate the Capitol, North O Street and South Washington Railway Company;

On motion by Mr. Cockrell that the motion lie on the table,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas ..... 25 / Nays 14

On motion by Mr. Cockrell,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Anthony, Bailey, Bayard, Beck, Burnside, Cockrell, Conover, Davis of Illinois, Eaton, Gordon, Harris, Hereford, Hill, Howe, Ingalls, Kernan, Lamar, McDonald, Merrimon, Morrill, Ransom, Saulsbury, Thurman, Voorhees, Wallace.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Messrs. Allison, Armstrong, Bruce, Butler, Christiancy, Conkling, Ferry, Hoar, Mitchell, Patterson, Rollins, Sargent, Saunders, Spencer.

So the motion was agreed to.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The House of Representatives has passed the following resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the time fixed for the final adjournment of the second session of the Forty-fifth Congress is hereby extended to seven o'clock a. m. on Thursday, June 20, 1878, and at that time the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate shall adjourn their respective Houses without day.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed three enrolled bills (S. 493, S. 1411, and H. R. 5130) and an enrolled joint resolution (S. 41), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills and joint resolution:

S. 493. An act to appoint a commission to ascertain the cost of removing the National Observatory;

S. 1411. An act granting condemned bronze cannon to the Soldiers' Union of West Virginia.

H. R. 5130. An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and

S. 41. Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over

to the governor of West Virginia such tents, poles, and pins as he may require for the use of the militia and volunteer organizations of the State at their summer and fall encampment.

The President *pro tempore* signed the three enrolled bills (S. 493, S. 1411, and H. R. 5130) and the enrolled joint resolution (S. 41) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolution last received from the House of Representatives, providing for the extension of the time for the final adjournment of the present session of Congress to seven o'clock a. m. of Thursday, the 20th instant; and

Resolved, That the Senate agree thereto.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

Mr. Conover, from the committee, reported that they had this day presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions:

S. 185. An act to amend 2931 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, so as to allow repayment by the Secretary of the Treasury of the tonnage-tax, where it has been exacted in contravention of treaty provisions.

S. 493. An act to appoint a commission to ascertain the cost of removing the Naval Observatory.

S. 566. An act in relation to the Venezuelan Mixed Commission.

S. 1404. An act to provide for the holding of a term of the district and circuit courts of the United States at Lincoln, Nebraska.

S. 1200. An act to create an auditor of railroad accounts, and for other purposes.

S. 1262. An act to amend an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," approved March 3, A. D. 1875.

S. 1284. An act creating the Utah and Northern Railway Company a corporation in the Territories of Utah, Idaho, and Montana, and granting the right of way to said company through the public lands.

S. 1411. An act granting condemned bronze cannon to the Soldiers' Union of West Virginia.

S. 41. Joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to turn over to the governor of West Virginia such tents, poles, and pins as he may require for the use of the militia and volunteer organizations of the State at their summer and fall encampment.

S. 42. Joint resolution to amend the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

Mr. President: The President of the United States has informed the House of Representatives that, on the 14th instant, he approved and signed the following acts and joint resolutions:

H. R. 150. An act for the relief of William McIndoe, postmaster at Lonaconing, in Alleghany County, Maryland.

H. R. 888. An act for the relief of James McGregor.

H. R. 1271. An act establishing the salaries to be paid the collectors of customs of Plymouth and Nantucket, Massachusetts.

H. R. 2507. An act making appropriations for the support of the

Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

H. R. 1315. An act for the relief of C. H. Walker, postmaster at Frostburg, in Alleghany County, Maryland.

H. R. 1551. An act for the relief of Mrs. Emma A. Porch, of Centretown, Missouri.

H. R. 1889. An act for the relief of David W. Cheeseman, of Lake City, in Lake County, in the State of Oregon.

H. R. 1892. An act for the relief of Mrs. Amanda Rains, of Illinois.

H. R. 1896. An act for the relief of Nancy A. Herrick, of Rochester, New York.

H. R. 2057. An act to amend the charter of the Mutual Fire-Insurance Company of the District of Columbia.

H. R. 2319. An act to provide for the appointment of a district judge for the western district of Tennessee, and for other purposes.

H. R. 3071. An act for the relief of Samuel R. Atwell, late postmaster at Winchester, Virginia.

H. R. 3119. An act for the relief of John I. Thomas.

H. R. 3283. An act for the relief of Andrew J. Worth.

H. R. 3974. An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending June 30, 1879.

H. R. 4525. An act for the relief of Charles O. Allibone.

H. R. 4943. An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to make and enforce regulations relative to the sale of coal, and also building regulations.

H. R. 5066. An act authorizing the Solicitor of the Treasury, by and with the consent of the Secretary of War, to cancel certain contracts for the sale of lots of land made at Harper's Ferry in the year 1869 by the United States, to resell the same, and sell or lease all other real estate and riparian rights now owned by the United States at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.

H. R. 5117. An act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, and prior years, and for those heretofore treated as permanent, for reappropriations, and for other purposes.

H. R. 152. A joint resolution to enable the joint commission to carry into effect the act of Congress providing for the completion of the Washington Monument.

H. R. 182. A joint resolution for the benefit of the penny-lunch house of the city of Washington, District of Columbia.

H. R. 193. A joint resolution to allow the Secretary of the Navy to purchase plate-iron and other material used in the construction of steam boilers for the United States Navy; and

He approved and signed, on the 15th instant, the following acts and joint resolution:

H. R. 127. An act for the relief of Daniel Compton, of Troy, Bradford County, Pennsylvania.

H. R. 134. An act for the relief of Jacob G. Croman, of Dickinson, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.

H. R. 224. An act for the relief of Thomas A. Nicholson.

H. R. 519. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Ellen B. Foster, widow of Edwin R. Foster, deceased, late first lieutenant of Company G, in the Eightieth Illinois Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 522. An act granting a pension to James B. Gillespie, late captain Company I, One hundred and twentieth Regiment Illinois Infantry Volunteers.

H. R. 627. An act to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Alfred Rouland.

H. R. 699. An act to restore certain lands in Iowa to settlement under the homestead law, and for other purposes.

H. R. 710. An act granting a pension to Jane D. Cotton.

H. R. 739. An act for the relief of Henry Plowman.

H. R. 844. An act granting a pension to Mary Martin, mother by adoption of James R. Martin, late a private in the Fifth Regiment Vermont Volunteers.

H. R. 977. An act to relieve the political disabilities of John Green, senior, of Alabama.

H. R. 1175. An act granting a pension to George Silvers, private Company E, Fifty-seventh Regiment United States Volunteers.

H. R. 1308. An act for the relief of Daniel Small, a soldier of the war of 1812.

H. R. 1434. An act granting a pension to John Langland, late private of Company B, First Michigan Sharpshooters.

H. R. 1638. An act to remove the political disabilities of Albert Miller Lea, of Navarro County, Texas.

H. R. 1688. An act to restore the name of Hamilton Ryne to the pension-rolls.

H. R. 1897. An act to remove the political disabilities of W. E. Evans, a citizen of Louisiana.

H. R. 2226. An act granting a pension to Charles H. Bugbee, late a private in Company A, Third Vermont Volunteers.

H. R. 2242. An act for the relief of William T. Malster, of Baltimore, Maryland.

H. R. 2334. An act for the relief of Joseph F. Wilson.

H. R. 2936. An act granting a pension to George R. Whitehead.

H. R. 3103. An act for the relief of Oliver Yake, of Sanilac County, Michigan.

H. R. 3106. An act granting a pension to Daniel W. Martin, a private in Company A, Fifty-seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteers.

H. R. 3109. An act granting a pension to Margaret Kenah, widow of Patrick Kenah, late a private of Company D, First United States Artillery.

H. R. 3166. An act granting a pension to Agatha O'Brien, widow of John P. J. O'Brien, brevet major United States Army.

H. R. 3276. An act to remove the political disabilities of William C. Whittle, of Virginia.

H. R. 3314. An act to remove the political disabilities of John T. Mason, of Maryland.

H. R. 3548. An act making appropriations for the payment of claims reported allowed by the Commissioners of Claims under the act of Congress of March 3, 1871.

H. R. 3564. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Isabell Dunbar, widow of Daniel Dunbar, late first engineer on steamer Victor No. 2.

H. R. 3573. An act granting a pension to Charles G. Galezio.

H. R. 3578. An act granting a pension to Julia J. Wheeler.

H. R. 3579. An act granting a pension to Philip Henry.

H. R. 3708. An act to regulate the practice of pharmacy in the District of Columbia.

H. R. 3978. An act to authorize the Barataria Ship-Canal Company to construct and operate a ship-canal from New Orleans to the Gulf of Mexico through the lands and waters of the United States, and to grant to said company the right of way for that purpose.

H. R. 4361. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth Winters.
H. R. 4362. An act granting a pension to Cynthia A. Mizelle.
H. R. 4367. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Sarah A. Bell.
H. R. 4373. An act granting a pension to Mary I. Lebow.
H. R. 4376. An act granting a pension to James G. Williams.
H. R. 4377. An act granting a pension to William Cogswell.
H. R. 4382. An act granting a pension to Jonathan Roberts.
H. R. 4387. An act granting a pension to James C. Bates.
H. R. 4550. An act to remove the political disabilities of Thomas L. Moore, of the State of Virginia.
H. R. 4568. An act to remove the political disabilities of Robert T. Chapman, of Wharton County, Texas.
H. R. 4616. An act to incorporate the National Fair Grounds Association.
H. R. 4802. An act for the construction of a public building for use by the United States Government in the city of New York.
H. R. 4945. An act for the preservation of game and protection of birds in the District of Columbia.
H. R. 3257. An act for the relief of William H. Merritt.
H. R. 81. A joint resolution asking for investigation in the case of Edward O'M. Condon. And

He approved and signed, on the 17th instant, the following acts:

H. R. 4246. An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes; and
H. R. 4976. An act to increase the pension of certain pensioned soldiers and sailors who have lost both their hands or both their feet or the sight of both eyes in the service of the country. And

He approved and signed, on the 18th instant, the following acts and joint resolutions:

H. R. 82. An act for the relief of Alexander Anderson, late first lieutenant Fourteenth New York Volunteer Cavalry;
H. R. 2396. An act for the relief of John E. Williamson;
H. R. 720. An act for the relief of John Eaton;
H. R. 234. An act for the relief of John F. Andrews, postmaster at Washington, Georgia;
H. R. 1966. An act for the relief of J. H. Duncan, postmaster at Elberton, Georgia;
H. R. 3565. An act granting a pension to Dr. P. F. Reuss, late surgeon Seventh New York Volunteers;
H. R. 4867. An act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes;
H. R. 762. An act granting a pension to John S. Hall, of West Virginia;
H. R. 4075. An act granting a pension to Ezra O. Nye, Company K, Nineteenth Michigan Volunteers;
H. R. 4374. An act granting a pension to Sarah J. Goss;
H. R. 1164. An act for the relief of Peter G. Mills, his heirs and assignees;
H. R. 4236. An act making appropriations for the construction, repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes;
H. R. 1348. An act to restore the name of Jesse Stallings, of Butler County, Alabama, to the pension-list;
H. R. 5179. An act relative to examinations for promotion in the Army;

H. R. 775. An act for the restoration to market of certain lands in the Territory of Utah;

H. R. 636. An act granting a pension to Oliver H. Irons, late Sergeant Company D, Twenty-third Michigan Volunteers;

H. R. 477. An act granting a pension to Anna Koeninger, widow of Louis Koeninger, late private Second Indiana Battery;

H. R. 3733. An act for the relief of Hanson Harmon;

H. R. 2138. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay Mary Fearon and Jessie Crossin, executrices of Samuel P. Fearon, deceased, for certain registered United States bonds redeemed by the government on forged assignments and power of attorney;

H. R. 3988. An act to organize the Life-Saving Service;

H. R. 3980. An act to confirm the title to the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 7, township 81 north, range 4 east of the fifth principal meridian, Clinton County, Iowa;

H. R. 431. An act to provide for the holding of terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States at Fort Wayne, Indiana;

H. R. 4422. An act to amend section 4695 of the Revised Statutes of the United States;

H. R. 1371. An act for the relief of J. W. Skiles;

H. R. 195. A joint resolution in relation to committee-clerks and other employés of the Senate and House of Representatives; and

H. R. 169. A joint resolution authorizing the payments of the accounts of Lieutenant James T. Leavy, an insane officer. And

He approved and signed this day the following acts and joint resolutions:

H. R. 5137. An act to legalize the collection of head-moneys already paid;

H. R. 3968. An act regulating exemptions in the District of Columbia;

H. R. 4024. An act to provide for the holding of terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States at the city of Charlotte, North Carolina;

H. R. 4420. An act for the relief of Horace E. Mullan;

H. R. 13. An act for the relief of H. G. Boardman, postmaster of Milton, Vermont;

H. R. 4055. An act to create a revenue in the District of Columbia by levying a tax upon all dogs therein, to make such dogs personal property, and for other purposes;

H. R. 5049. An act authorizing a settlement of the claim of the estate of the late Rear-Admiral John A. Dahlgren;

H. R. 2441. An act for the relief of Robert C. Walker;

H. R. 4. An act to protect public libraries in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes;

H. R. 5053. An act to provide for the expenses of the Select Committee on Alleged Frauds in the late Presidential election;

H. R. 923. An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act to carry into effect the convention between the United States and China, concluded on the 8th of November, 1858, at Shanghai," approved March 3, 1859, and to give the Court of Claims jurisdiction in certain cases;

H. R. 2401. An act to authorize the claimants to certain lands in Santa Barbara County, California, to submit their claim to the United States district court for that State for adjudication;

H. R. 5070. An act to detach certain territory from the eastern judicial district of Michigan, and to attach the same to the western judicial district of Michigan, and to provide for divisions in said western dis-

trict, and for holding the district and circuit courts therein, and for other purposes;

H. R. 4104. An act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes;

H. R. 4674. An act to aid vessels wrecked or disabled in the waters conterminous to the United States and the Dominion of Canada;

H. R. 3605. An act restoring the name of Marcellus Wilson, of the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen in the Mexican war, to the pension-roll;

H. R. 4421. An act granting a pension to August Mellon;

H. R. 5082. An act for the removal of the political disabilities of William A. Carswell, of Georgia;

H. R. 4572. An act for the relief of settlers on the public lands;

H. R. 4370. An act granting a pension to Catharine Harris;

H. R. 4337. An act to remove the political disabilities of Larkin Smith, of Georgia;

H. R. 4363. An act granting a pension to Levi J. Friel, late private Company K, Seventy-seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry;

H. R. 2883. An act for the relief of Murphy and Good, of Indianapolis, Indiana;

H. R. 3862. An act for the relief of E. B. Head, postmaster at Harrodsburg, Kentucky;

H. R. 537. An act for the relief of William P. Hazard;

H. R. 2741. An act granting a pension to William H. Deery, Company G, Second Pennsylvania Volunteers, Mexican war;

H. R. 3861. An act to reimburse Richard Joseph for money paid on forged vouchers;

H. R. 4931. An act amending the laws with reference to elections in certain States;

H. R. 2421. An act for the relief of H. H. Lemon, member of the Capitol police force, for injuries received while in the discharge of his duties in the year 1870;

H. R. 99. An act granting a pension to Charles Slawson;

H. R. 629. An act granting a pension to Thomas W. Hewitt;

H. R. 4145. An act to remove the political disabilities of Washington Gwathmay, of Alabama;

H. R. 503. An act granting a pension to Daniel Clary;

H. R. 2791. An act granting additional pension to Mrs. Margaret J. Lovell, widow of the late General Charles S. Lovell;

H. R. 1913. An act to amend an act granting a pension to Ann Hensley;

H. R. 3714. An act for the relief of the families of the men who perished on the United States dredge-boat McAlister;

H. R. 4380. An act granting a pension to Aaron H. Miller;

H. R. 4981. An act relating to claim-agents and attorneys in pension cases;

H. R. 4985. An act granting a pension to George Denney;

H. R. 3435. An act to construct a road to the national cemetery at Vicksburg, Mississippi;

H. R. 1496. An act for the relief of George H. Giddings;

H. R. 3110. An act granting a pension to Mary McNamara;

H. R. 196. A joint resolution to pay certain contested-election expenses;

H. R. 197. A joint resolution authorizing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to pay certain clerks out of the contingent fund of the House; and

H. R. 199. A joint resolution authorizing payment to W. W. Wilshire his expenses in the contest of the third Congressional district of Arkansas, Forty-third Congress.

On motion by Mr. Allison,

Ordered, That the Senate adjourn until 6 o'clock and 55 minutes a. m. Thursday, the 20th instant.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 1878.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Brown, one of its clerks:

Mr. President: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed three enrolled bills (H. R. 1989, H. R. 3343, and H. R. 4989), I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of its President.

Mr. Conover reported from the committee that they had examined and found duly enrolled the following bills:

H. R. 1989. An act to authorize Spencer F. Baird, assistant secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, to receive from the King of Sweden a diploma and medal, constituting him a member of the Norwegian Order of Saint Olaf, the same being a literary and scientific organization.

H. R. 4989. An act to amend section 2517 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, making Gardiner and Richmond, in Maine, ports of entry.

H. R. 3343. An act to authorize the sale of the small-arms now in use in the naval service, and the conversion of the proceeds of such sale in the purchase of arms similar in caliber to the arms now in use by the United States Army.

The President *pro tempore* signed the three enrolled bills (H. R. 1989, H. R. 3343, and H. R. 4989) last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee to be presented to the President of the United States.

Mr. Anthony submitted the following resolution; which was considered, by unanimous consent, and agreed to:

Resolved, That a committee of two members of the Senate be appointed, to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives, to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that Congress, having finished its business, is now ready to close its session by adjournment.

Ordered, That the committee authorized by the foregoing resolution be appointed by the President *pro tempore;* and

The President *pro tempore* appointed Mr. Anthony and Mr. Thurman.

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Pruden, his secretary:

Mr. President: The President of the United States this day approved and signed the following acts and joint resolutions:

S. 185. An act to amend section 2931 of the Revised Statutes of the United States so as to allow repayment by the Secretary of the Treasury of the tonnage-tax where it has been exacted in contravention of treaty provisions;

S. 493. An act to appoint a commission to ascertain the cost of removing the Naval Observatory;

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S. 42. A joint resolution to amend the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives thereof.

The President of the United States has informed the House of Representatives that he this day approved and signed the following acts:

H. R. 5130. An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1879, and for other purposes.

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A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Adams, its Clerk:

The House of Representatives has passed the following resolution, which I am directed to communicate to the Senate:

Resolved, That a committee of three members of the House of Representatives be appointed, to join a similar committee on the part of the Senate, to wait upon the President of the United States and inform him that the two houses of Congress are ready to adjourn, if he has no further communication to make.

Ordered, That Mr. Hiester Clymer, of Pennsylvania, Mr. O. D. Conger, of Michigan, and Mr. A. S. Willis, of Kentucky, be the committee on the part of the House.

Mr. Anthony, from the committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States and inform him that, unless he may have some further communication to make, the two houses of Congress, having finished the business before them, are ready to adjourn without day, reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and that the President had replied that he had no further communication to make.

The hour of 7 o'clock a. m., the time fixed by the resolution of the two houses for closing the present session of Congress, having arrived,

The President *pro tempore* addressed the Senate as follows:

The hour of seven o'clock having arrived, it gives me pleasure to congratulate the Senate on the termination of a session of nearly seven months' duration, and to comply with the joint resolution of the two houses fixing the hour of final adjournment. Permit me, Senators, to cordially thank you for your favor, your confidence, and your courtesy, without which I should have failed to meet the delicate and responsible duties of the Chair. Commending you all, in parting, to the care of the same beneficent Ruler who has preserved unbroken our number throughout the prolonged labors now ended, I declare the second session of the Forty-fifth Congress adjourned *sine die*.

APPENDIX.

Senators of the United States whose seats will become vacant in—

1879.	1881.	1883.
Mr. Allison, of Iowa.	Mr. Bailey, of Tennessee.	Mr. Anthony, of R. I.
Armstrong, of Missouri.	Bayard, of Delaware.	Beck, of Kentucky.
Barnum, of Conn.	Booth, of California.	Blaine, of Maine.
Cameron, of Pa.	Bruce, of Mississippi.	Butler, of S. C.
Chaffee, of Colorado.	Burnside, of R. I.	Coke, of Texas.
Conkling, of N. Y.	Cameron, of Wis.	Davis, of Illinois.
Conover, of Florida.	Christiancy, of Mich.	Davis, of W. Va.
Dennis, of Maryland.	Cockrell, of Missouri.	Ferry, of Michigan.
Dorsey, of Arkansas.	Dawes, of Mass.	Garland, of Arkansas.
Eustis, of Louisiana.	Eaton, of Connecticut.	Grover, of Oregon.
Gordon, of Georgia.	Edmunds, of Vermont.	Harris, of Tennessee.
Howe, of Wisconsin.	Hamlin, of Maine.	Hill, of Georgia.
Ingalls, of Kansas.	Hereford, of W. Va.	Hoar, of Mass.
Jones, of Nevada.	Jones, of Florida.	Johnston, of Virginia.
McCreery, of Ky.	Kernan, of New York.	Kellogg, of Louisiana.
Matthews, of Ohio.	McDonald, of Indiana.	Kirkwood, of Iowa.
Merrimon, of N. C.	McMillan, of Minn.	Lamar, of Mississippi.
Mitchell, of Oregon.	Maxey, of Texas.	McPherson, of N. J.
Morrill, of Vermont.	Paddock, of Nebraska.	Morgan, of Alabama.
Oglesby, of Illinois.	Randolph, of N. J.	Plumb, of Kansas.
Patterson, of S. C.	Sharon, of Nevada.	Ransom, of N. C.
Sargent, of California.	Thurman, of Ohio.	Rollins, of N. H.
Spencer, of Alabama.	Wallace, of Pa.	Saulsbury, of Del.
Voorhees, of Indiana.	Whyte, of Maryland.	Saunders, of Nebraska.
Wadleigh, of N. H.	Withers, of Virginia.	Teller, of Colorado.
		Windom, of Minnesota.

LIST OF ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS.

PUBLIC ACTS.

1. An act to provide a method for the settlement and adjustment of the accounts of the attorney of the United States for the District of Columbia.

2. An act to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and for prior years, and for other purposes.

3. An act providing for the printing and distribution of the Biennial Register.

4. An act authorizing the changing of the name of the ship Samuel G. Reed.

5. An act relative to the burial of the officers and others of the United States Navy who perished by the wreck of the United States steamer Huron, and for other purposes.

6. An act establishing post-roads.

7. An act to authorize and direct the Secretary of State to affix the great seal of the United States to a certain document therein stated.

8. An act to change the location and name of the Miners' National Bank of Braidwood, Illinois.

9. An act to further regulate the purchase of material for the public printing and binding.

10. An act to punish embezzlement in the District of Columbia, and to protect the records of said District, and for other purposes.

11. An act for the removal of obstructions from the Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas, and Red Rivers, and for the preservation of the public property.

12. An act to change the name of the consulate at Omoa and Truxillo.

13. An act for providing portraits to accompany the memorial addresses on the late Senators Morton and Bogy.

14. An act to appropriate money for the purchase of a law library for the Territory of Dakota.

15. An act making an appropriation for the purchase of a law library for the use of the courts and the United States officers in the Territory of Wyoming.

16. An act to authorize the coinage of the standard silver dollar, and to restore its legal-tender character.

17. An act to change the name of the steam-tug C. M. Whittaker to Caroline.

18. An act to amend section four thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight of the Revised Statutes.

19. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the preparation and publication of a new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States," approved March second, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven.

20. An act changing the times of holding terms of the district court for the district of West Virginia.

21. An act amending the laws granting pensions to the soldiers and sailors of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, and their widows, and for other purposes.

22. An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at or near Glasgow, Missouri.

23. An act further to suspend the operations of section five thousand five hundred and seventy-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States, title seventy-two, in relation to guano islands.

24. An act to make persons charged with crimes and offenses competent witnesses in the United States and Territorial courts.

25. An act in aid of a polar expedition designed by James Gordon Bennett.

26. An act to authorize the granting of an American register to a foreign-built ship, for the purpose of the Woodruff scientific expedition around the world.

27. An act making appropriations for fortifications and for other works of defense, and for the armament thereof, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes.

28. An act to extend the charter of the Franklin Insurance Company of the city of Washington.

29. An act to authorize the Worthington and Sioux Falls Railroad Company to extend its road into the Territory of Dakota to the village of Sioux Falls.

30. An act to provide for deficiencies in the miscellaneous fund of the Senate and of the House of Representatives.

31. An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the support of the government for the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and for other purposes."

32. An act to constitute a commission to consider and report a plan for providing enlarged accommodations for the Library of Congress.

33. An act for the relief of John A. Darling.

34. An act to amend section five hundred and forty, chapter one, title thirteen, Revised Statutes of the United States.

35. An act to authorize the Secretary of War to prescribe rules and regulations to be observed in the preparation, submission, and opening of bids for contracts under the War Department.

36. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the sale of certain New York Indian lands in Kansas," approved February nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three.

37. An act to prevent depredations upon property in the District of Columbia.

38. An act requiring the commissioner for preparing and publishing a new edition of the Revised Statutes of the United States to revise and perfect the index to the first volume of the same.

39. An act to authorize the construction of a bridge abutment and approach within the Fort Riley military reservation.

40. An act to authorize the restoration of George A. Armes to the rank of captain.

41. An act to prevent the introduction of contagious or infectious diseases into the United States.

42. An act to provide for the erection of a public building in the city of Kansas, in the State of Missouri.

43. An act to prevent the sale of policy or lottery tickets in the District of Columbia.

44. An act providing for the recording of deeds, mortgages, and other conveyances affecting real estate in the District of Columbia.

45. An act for the relief of the public schools of the District of Columbia.

46. An act to provide for a deficiency in the appropriation for the public printing and binding for the current fiscal year.

47. An act authorizing the issue of passports free to colored citizens going to Brazil.

48. An act to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and for prior years, for subsistence of the Army, and for other purposes.

49. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to employ temporary clerks, and making an appropriation for the same; also making appropriations for detecting trespass on public lands, and for bringing into market public lands in certain States, and for other purposes.

50. An act to provide for the administration of the oath of office to collectors and other officers of the customs in the district of Alaska.

51. An act to prohibit the coinage of the twenty-cent piece of silver.

52. An act authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue an American register to the Canadian-built propeller East by the name of Kent.

53. An act authorizing the President of the United States to make certain negotiations with the Ute Indians in the State of Colorado.

54. An act to extend the provisions of section thirty-two hundred and ninety-seven of the Revised Statutes to other institutions of learning.

55. An act making appropriations for the naval service for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes.

56. An act making an appropriation for pier-lights at the entrance of the jetties in the South Pass of the Mississippi River.

57. An act to alter and amend the act entitled "An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes," approved July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and also to alter and amend the act of Congress approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, in amendment of said first-named act.

58. An act to amend a joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to issue arms, approved July third, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

59. An act to regulate the advertising of mail lettings, and for other purposes.

60. An act extending the privileges of sections twenty-nine hundred and ninety to twenty-nine hundred and ninety-seven of the Revised Statutes, inclusive, to the port of Bath, in the State of Maine.

61. An act for the relief of settlers on the public lands under the preemption laws.

62. An act to change the name of the steamboat D. A. McDonald to Silver Wave.

63. An act making appropriations for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes, for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes.

64. An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund certain taxes erroneously collected, and for other purposes.

65. An act to forbid the further retirement of United States legal-tender notes.

66. An act supplementary to the act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, entitled "An act supplemental to the act of February ninth, eighteen hundred and twenty-one incorporating Columbia College, District of Columbia.

67. An act for the relief of certain settlers on the public lands.

68. An act authorizing the citizens of Colorado, Nevada, and the Territories to fell and remove timber on the public domain for mining and domestic purposes.

69. An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California Oregon, Nevada, and in Washington Territory.

70. An act to provide for the publication of notices of contest under the homestead, pre-emption, and tree-culture laws of the United States.

71. An act to alter and amend a law of the District of Columbia relative to the inspection of flour.

72. An act making appropriations for the consular and diplomatic service of the government for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes.

73. An act to provide for the free entry of articles imported for exhibition by societies established for encouragement of the arts or sciences, and for other purposes.

74. An act to repeal the bankrupt law.

75. An act making further appropriations for continuing the improvements of Galveston Harbor, State of Texas.

76. An act regulating the appointments of justices of the peace, commissioners of deeds, and constables within and for the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

77. An act explanatory of section eighteen hundred and eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and to ratify and confirm certain Territorial legislation, and for other purposes.

78. An act to provide for circuit and district courts of the United States at Toledo, Ohio.

79. An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to constitute superintendents of mints or assayers in assay-offices, assistant treasurers of the United States.

80. An act providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia.

81. An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes.

82. An act to change the time for holding terms of the district court for the western district of Virginia at Danville.

83. An act fixing the time for holding the election for Representatives to the Forty-sixth Congress of the United States in and for the State of California.

84. An act designating the times for the election of Representatives to the Forty-sixth and succeeding Congresses from the State of Colorado.

85. An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.

86. An act for the relief of settlers on the public lands under the pre-emption laws.

87. An act to amend an act entitled "An act to encourage the growth of timber on the western prairies."

88. An act making appropriations to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and

seventy-eight, and prior years, and for those heretofore treated as permanent, for reappropriations, and for other purposes.

89. An act authorizing the Solicitor of the Treasury, by and with the consent of the Secretary of War, to cancel certain contracts for the sale of lots of land made at Harper's Ferry in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine by the United States, to resell the same, and sell or lease all other real estate and riparian rights now owned by the United States at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.

90. An act to amend section forty-one hundred and twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States, in relation to the judicial powers and functions of consuls.

91. An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to make and enforce regulations relative to the sale of coal, and also building regulations.

92. An act to amend the charter of the Mutual Fire-Insurance Company of the District of Columbia.

93. An act to provide for the appointment of a district judge for the western district of Tennessee, and for other purposes.

94. An act authorizing the publication, for sale, of an edition of the Narrative of the Polaris Expedition.

95. An act establishing the salaries to be paid the collectors of customs of Plymouth and Nantucket, Massachusetts.

96. An act for the relief of Charles O. Allibone.

97. An act to restore certain lands in Iowa to settlement under the homestead law, and for other purposes.

98. An act for the construction of a public building for use by the United States Government in the city of New York.

99. An act for the preservation of game and protection of birds in the District of Columbia.

100. An act to incorporate the National Fair Grounds Association.

101. An act to regulate the practice of pharmacy in the District of Columbia.

102. An act to authorize the Barataria Ship-Canal Company to construct and operate a ship-canal from New Orleans to the Gulf of Mexico, through the lands and waters of the United States, and to grant to said company the right of way for that purposes.

103. An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes.

104. An act regulating the appointment of cadet-midshipmen and cadet-engineer in the Naval Academy, and for other purposes.

105. An act to increase the pension of certain pensioned soldiers and sailors who have lost both their hands or both their feet or the sight of both eyes in the service of the country.

106. An act to provide for the distribution of the awards made under the convention between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico concluded on the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.

107. An act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes.

108. An act making appropriations for the construction, repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes.

109. An act to organize the Life-Saving Service.

110. An act for the restoration to market of certain lands in the Territory of Utah.

111. An act relative to examinations for promotions in the Navy.

112. An act to amend section forty-six hundred and ninety-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

113. An act to provide for the holding of terms of the district and circiut courts of the United States at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

114. An act to provide for the revision and correction of assessments for special improvements in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

115. An act granting a site for a dry-dock in the city of Baltimore upon certain conditions.

116. An act to regulate expenditures in the Navy.

117. An act authorizing a general account of advances for naval appropriations.

118. An act to amend an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes," approved March third, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

119. An act for the relief of settlers on the public lands.

120. An act to provide for the holding of a term of the district and circuit courts of the United States at Lincoln, Nebraska.

121. An act to create an Auditor of Railroad Accounts and for other purposes.

122. An act to protect public libraries in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

123. An act to amend section twenty-nine hundred and thirty-one of the Revised Statutes of the United States so as to allow repayment by the Secretary of the Treasury of the tonnage-tax where it has been exacted in contravention of treaty provisions.

124. An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act to carry into effect the convention between the United States and China, concluded on the eighth day of November, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, at Shanghai," approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, and to give the Court of Claims jurisdiction in certain cases.

125. An act to authorize the claimants to certain lands in Santa Barbara County, California, to submit their claim to the United States district court for that State for adjudication.

126. An act regulating exemptions in the District of Columbia.

127. An act to provide for the holding of terms of the district and circuit courts of the United States at city of Charlotte, North Carolina.

128. An act to create a revenue in the District of Columbia by levying a tax upon all dogs therein, to make such dogs personal property, and for other purposes.

129. An act to aid vessels wrecked or disabled in the waters conterminous to the United States and the Dominion of Canada.

130. An act amending the laws with reference to elections in certain States.

131. An act to detach certain territory from the eastern judicial district of Michigan and to attach the same to the western judicial district of Michigan, and to provide for divisions in said western district and for holding the district and circuit courts therein, and for other purposes.

132. An act to legalize the collection of head-moneys already paid.

133. An act to provide for the expenses of the Select Committee on Alleged Frauds in the late Presidential Election.

134. An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the

government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes.

135. An act making appropriations for the legislative, executive, and judicial expenses of the government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for other purposes.

136. An act in relation to the Venezuelan Mixed Commission.

137. An act to appoint a commission to ascertain the cost of removing the Naval Observatory.

138. An act creating the Utah and Northern Railway Company, a corporation in the Territories of Utah, Idaho, and Montana, and granting the right of way to said company through the public lands.

139. An act granting condemned bronze cannon to the Soldier's Union of West Virginia.

140. An act to authorize the sale of the small-arms now in use in the naval service, and the conversion of the proceeds of such sale, in the purchase of arms similar in caliber to the arms now in use by the United States Army.

141. An act to construct a road to the national cemetery at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

142. An act to amend section twenty-five hundred and seventeen of the Revised Statutes of the United States, making Gardiner and Richmond, in Maine, ports of entry.

143. An act relating to claim agents and attorneys in pension cases.

PRIVATE ACTS.

1. An act for the relief of the sufferers by the wreck of the United States steamer Huron, and for other purposes.

2. An act to remove the political disabilities of Charles L. Scott, of Wilcox County, Alabama.

3. An act to remove the charges against Lieutenant Charles Wilkinson, late of Company K, One hundred and second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, on file in the War Department.

4. An act for the relief of the Eagle and Phœnix Manufacturing Company of Columbus, Georgia.

5. An act for the relief of James W. Glover, postmaster at Oxford, in the State of New York.

6. An act for the relief of William H. Needham, late second lieutenant of Company D, Twenty-second Regiment Iowa Infantry Volunteers.

7. An act for the relief of Charles W. Wood, late of Company E, First Battalion, Thirteenth Regiment of United States Infantry.

8. An act for the relief of Captain William L. Foulk.

9. An act making appropriations for the payment of claims reported to Congress under section two of the act approved June sixteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, by the Secretary of the Treasury.

10. An act for the relief of Edwin A. Clifford.

11. An act for the relief of John Pulford.

12. An act for the relief of William A. Hammond, late Surgeon-General of the Army.

13. An act granting a pension to Dwight A. Barrett, late private Company E, Forty-sixth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry.

14. An act granting a Pension to Mrs. Rebecca C. Maxwell, widow of the late Colonel O. C. Maxwell, one hundred and ninety-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry.

15. An act granting a Pension to Margaret R. Colony, widow of the late Major Josiah B. Colony, First Maryland Infantry Volunteers.

16. An act granting a Pension to Kate Louise Roy, widow of J. P. Roy, late lieutenant-colonel United States Army.

17. An act to remove the political disabilities of Robert H. Chilton.

18. An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund a certain tax erroneously collected.

19. An act granting a pension to George McCoy.

20. An act granting a pension to Adam Stinson.

21. An act granting a pension to Bridget T. Hopper.

22. An act granting a pension to Fannie E. Records, widow of Albert B. Records, late a private in Company G, Fifteenth Regiment Maine Volunteers.

23. An act restoring the name of Thomas Crawford, a soldier of the Mexican war, to the pension-roll.

24. An act to authorize the issue of a patent of certain lands in the Brothertown reservation, in the State of Wisconsin, to the persons selected by the Brothertown Indians.

25. An act for the relief of the executors of the estate of John S. Miller, deceased.

26. An act for the relief of Thomas W. Collier.

27. An act for the relief of W. C. Snyder, of Illinois.

28. An act for the allowance of certain claims reported by the accounting-officers of the Treasury Department.

29. An act for the relief of Will R. Hervey.

30. An act for the relief of James Fishback, late collector of internal revenue, tenth district, State of Illinois.

31. An act to authorize T. and J. W. Gaff and Company, to use a certain building in the city of Aurora, Indiana, for the rectification of distilled spirits.

32. An act authorizing the Secretary of War to allow the interment, in the national cemetery at Newberne, in the State of North Carolina, of the remains of the late R. F. Lehman, lately a commissioner of the United States circuit court in the eastern district of North Carolina.

33. An act for the relief of Charles B. Varney.

34. An act for the relief of Samuel H. Canfield, postmaster at Seymour, Connecticut.

35. An act for the relief of Susan Robb.

36. An act for the relief of the minor heirs of John H. Evans, deceased.

37. An act granting a pension to Rebecca and Augusta Miller, daughters of Brigadier-General James Miller, of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve.

38. An act for the relief of Silas M. Norton, postmaster at Bristol, Connecticut.

39. An act for the relief of William L. Hickam, of Missouri, guardian of the minor children of Hillary J. Jenkins.

40. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Esther A. George.

41. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth D. Stone.

42. An act granting a pension to Anna L. Robbins.

43. An act granting a pension to Melvina A. Maltby.

44. An act granting a pension to Nancy E. McClelland.

45. An act granting a pension to Martha C. Kendall.

46. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Mary Wilkes, widow of the late Admiral Charles Wilkes, United States Navy.

47. An act granting a pension to Hannah Streets.

48. An act granting a pension to William S. Davis, late private in Company E, Thirty-first Illinois Infantry Volunteers.

49. An act for the relief of Numis H. Coverdale.

50. An act for the relief of Othniel P. Hollis, of the Soldiers' Home, Augusta, Maine.
51. An act granting a pension to William A. Miller.
52. An act for the relief of James J. Waring, of Savannah, Georgia.
53. An act for the relief of Dudley A. Fish, of Bucyrus, Ohio.
54. An act for the relief of William Roylston, late private Company D, First Regiment Tennessee Light Artillery.
55. An act granting a pension to Jonathan R. Tilman.
56. An act granting a pension to Rose Miller, widow of Reason Miller, deceased, late private in Company E, One hundred and twenty-third Illinois Infantry.
57. An act granting a pension to Lemuel L. Lawrence, late second lieutenant Company B, in the Sixth Regiment Illinois Cavalry Volunteers.
58. An act restoring the name of Thomas W. Brown to the pension-roll.
59. An act granting a pension to John Frey.
60. An act granting a pension to George Grove.
61. An act granting a pension to William H. Shultis, late of Company K, Fourteenth Regiment New York Volunteers.
62. An act granting a pension to Florence V. Moore.
63. An act granting a pension to Benjamin C. Webster.
64. An act to amend an act granting a pension to William Hafford, of South Yarmouth, Massachusetts, approved May eight, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.
65. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Julia S. W. Evans, widow of Henry D. Evans, late first lieutenant of Company B, Thirteenth Missouri Volunteers.
66. An act granting a pension to Isabella Cassidy.
67. An act granting a pension to Warren F. Wood.
68. An act granting a pension to Joseph L. Young, late a private Company C, Eleventh Regiment Maine Volunteers.
69. An act granting a pension to Ruth Isabelle Naylor, widow of Captain Charles Naylor, of the Second Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Mexican war.
70. An act granting a pension to Louisa J. Guthrie and others.
71. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Emily H. Lyford.
72. An act providing for an increase of pension to Charles H. Day.
73. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth J. Totten, widow of the late Commodore Benjamin J. Totten, United States Navy.
74. An act granting a pension to Mary T. Thompson, widow of William Thompson, late second lieutenant Company E, Twelfth New York Volunteers.
75. An act granting a pension to Ovid H. Clark.
76. An act granting an increase of pension to John Murphy, late private Company F, Fifth Regiment United States Infantry.
77. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth Reese, widow of John Reese, a deceased soldier.
78. An act granting a pension to Rebecca T. Scott, widow of Major John B. Scott, late of the United States Army.
79. An act to authorize the survey of the Cattaraugus Indian reservation in the State of New York.
80. An act to confirm the term for the period of seventeen years from the date of its original grant of the patent of Thomas A. Weston.
81. An act granting a pension to Mary B. Marsh.
82. An act for the relief of Robert Coles.

83. An act for the relief of Milton B. Cushing paymaster United States Navy.

84. An act to confirm the title of Benjamin E. Edwards, his heirs, assigns, or legal representatives, to a certain tract of land in the Territory of New Mexico.

85. An act for the relief of John Clinton, postmaster at Brownsville, Tennessee.

86. An act granting an increase of pension to Mattie McTaggart, widow of the late First Lieutenant McTaggart, Seventeenth United States Infantry.

87. An act granting a pension to James Newcomb.

88. An act granting a pension to Alfred Richardson, late of Company A, Twelfth Indiana Volunteers.

89. An act for the relief of Acting Master Robert Platt, United States Navy.

90. An act for the relief of Nannie Hall.

91. An act for the relief of John F. Sutherlin and Brother, of Parke County, Indiana.

92. An act for the relief of J. C. McBurney.

93. An act for the relief of Saint Michael's Church, Charleston, South Carolina.

94. An act for the relief of John C. Ray.

95. An act for the relief of the sureties of John McNellis.

96. An act for the relief of Gustav A. Hesselberger.

97. An act for the relief of Phœbe Henrietta Groesbeck.

98. An act for the relief of Dwight W. Hakes.

99. An act for the relief of George R. Dennis, of Maryland.

100. An act to pay for clerical services and extraordinary expenses, under the seventh section of the act of August eighteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, in the Pawnee land district in Kansas.

101. An act for the relief of James Johnson, late collector of the port of Savannah.

102. An act for the relief of F. W. Golladay.

103. An act for the relief of the heirs of William A. Graham.

104. An act to legalize certain patents issued to members of the Pottawatomie tribe of Indians.

105. An act for the relief of James McGregor.

106. An act for the relief of Nancy A. Herrick, of Rochester, New York.

107. An act for the relief of John I. Thomas.

108. An act for the relief of Mrs. Emma A. Porch, of Centretown, Missouri.

109. An act for the relief of Samuel R. Atwell, late postmaster at Winchester, Virginia.

110. An act for the relief of David W. Cheeseman, of Lake City, in Lake County, in the State of Oregon.

111. An act for the relief of C. H. Walker, postmaster at Frostburg, in Alleghany County Maryland.

112. An act for the relief of William McIndoe, postmaster at Lonaconing, in Alleghany County, Maryland.

113. An act for the relief of Mrs. Amanda Raines, of Illinois.

114. An act for the relief of Andrew J. Worth.

115. An act for the relief of Joseph F. Wilson.

116. An act for the relief of Daniel Compton, of Troy, Bradford County, Pennsylvania.

117. An act for the relief of Jacob G. Croman, of Dickinson, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania.
118. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Ellen B. Foster, widow of Edwin R. Foster, deceased, late first lieutenant of Company G, in the Eightieth Illinois Infantry Volunteers.
119. An act granting a pension to James B. Gillespie, late captain Company I, One hundred and twentieth Regiment Illinois Infantry Volunteers.
120. An act granting a pension to Jane D. Cotten.
121. An act granting a pension to Mary Martin, mother by adoption of James R. Martin, late a private in the Fifth Regiment Vermont Volunteers.
122. An act granting a pension to George Silvers, private Company E, Fifty-seventh Regiment United States Volunteers.
123. An act for the relief of Daniel Small, a soldier of the war in eighteen hundred and twelve.
124. An act to restore the name of Hamilton Ryne to the pension-rolls.
125. An act granting a pension to George R. Whitehead.
126. An act for the relief of Oliver Yake, of Sanilac County, Michigan.
127. An act granting a pension to Daniel W. Martin, a private in Company A, Fifty-seventh Regiment Ohio Volunteers.
128. An act granting a pension to Margaret Kenah, widow of Patrick Kenah, late a private of Company D, First United States Artillery.
129. An act granting a pension to Charles G. Galezio.
130. An act granting a pension to Julia J. Wheeler.
131. An act granting a pension to Philip Henry.
132. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Sarah A. Bell.
133. An act granting a pension to Elizabeth Winters.
134. An act granting a pension to Cynthia A. Mizelle.
135. An act granting a pension to Mary I. Lebow.
136. An act granting a pension to James G. Williams.
137. An act granting a pension to William Cogswell.
138. An act granting a pension to Jonathan Roberts.
139. An act granting a pension to James C. Bates.
140. An act granting a pension to Mrs. Isabell Dunbar, widow of Daniel Dunbar, late first engineer on steamer "Victor, No. 2."
141. An act making appropriations for the payment of claims reported allowed by the Commissioners of Claims under the act of Congress of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.
142. An act for the relief of William H. Merritt.
143. An act to remove the political disabilities of William C. Whittle, of Virginia.
144. An act to remove the political disabilities of W. E. Evans, a citizen of Louisiana.
145. An act to remove the political disabilities of Albert Miller Lea, of Navarro County, Texas.
146. An act to relieve the political disabilities of John Green, senior, of Alabama.
147. An act for the relief of Henry Plowman.
148. An act to remove the political disabilities of Thomas L. Moore, of the State of Virginia.
149. An act to remove the political disabilities of John T. Mason, of Maryland.

150. An act for the relief of William T. Malster, of Baltimore, Maryland.
151. An act granting a pension to John Langland, late private of Company B, First Michigan Sharpshooters.
152. An act granting a pension to Charles H. Bugbee, late a private in Company A, Third Vermont Volunteers.
153. An act granting a pension to Agatha O'Brien, widow of John P. J. O'Brien, brevet major United States Army.
154. An act to remove the charge of desertion from the military record of Alfred Rouland.
155. An act for the relief of Thomas A. Nicholson.
156. An act to remove the political disabilities of Robert T. Chapman, of Wharton County, Texas.
157. An act granting a pension to James C. Downer.
158. An act granting a pension to Caroline M. Egbert.
159. An act for the relief of John F. Andrews, postmaster at Washington, Georgia.
160. An act for the relief of John E. Williamson.
161. An act for the relief of John Eaton.
162. An act for the relief of Alexander Anderson, late first lieutenant Fourteenth New York Volunteer Cavalry.
163. An act for the relief of T. B. Kelly.
164. An act for the relief of Carl Jussen.
165. An act to place the name of Daniel H. Kelly upon the muster roll of Company F, Second Tennessee Infantry.
166. An act for the relief of William W. Speirs, late assistant surgeon United States Army.
167. An act for the relief of Amos B. Ferguson.
168. An act granting a pension to Dr. P. F. Reuss, late surgeon Seventh New York Volunteers.
169. An act for the relief of J. H. Duncan, postmaster at Elberton, Georgia.
170. An act granting a pension to John Charles Black.
171. An act granting a pension to Mary McAdams.
172. An act granting a pension to William Emerson.
173. An act granting a pension to John G. Merritt.
174. An act for the relief of William Bowlin, late of Company L, Second Arkansas Cavalry.
175. An act for the relief of John M. Lord.
176. An act granting an increase of pension to Theodore Gardner.
177. An act granting a pension to Mary Kirby Smith Eaton during her widowhood.
178. An act granting a pension to Mary Emma Baptist and Daisy Baptist, minor child.
179. An act granting a pension to Mary Ann McFarland.
180. An act granting a pension to Emily Hughes, alias Burch.
181. An act granting a pension to Sarah McCooey.
182. An act granting a pension to Grace Aikins.
183. An act granting a pension to William Loudon.
184. An act granting a pension to James Shields.
185. An act to confirm the title to the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section seven, township eighty-one north, range four east of the fifth principal meridian, Clinton County, Iowa.
186. An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay Mary Fearon and Jessie Crossin, executrices of Samuel P. Fearon, deceased,

for certain registered United States bonds redeemed by the government on forged assignments and power of attorney.

187. An act for the relief of Hanson Harmon.

188. An act granting a pension to Anna Koeninger, widow of Louis Koeninger, late private Second Indiana Battery.

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	examined and signed	713, 718
	presented	719
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80.	A bill to reimburse the State of Kansas for expenses incurred by said State for the United States in repelling invasions and suppressing Indian hostilities—	
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82.	A bill for the relief of Gustave A. Hesselberger—	
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	examined and signed	609, 616
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86.	A bill to authorize the coinage of a dollar of 412½ grains standard silver, and for other purposes—	
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88.	A bill for the relief of James W. Richard and J. S. Brown & Brother, of Denver, Colorado—	
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109.	A bill defining the manner in which certain land-scrip may be assigned and located, or applied by actual settlers, and providing for the issue of patents in the name of the locator or his legal representative—	
	reported with amendments	269
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116.	A bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to adjust and settle the debt due the United States by the State of Arkansas—	
	reported with amendments	649
	considered, amended, read the third time, and passed	717
120.	A bill authorizing and directing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue an American register to the Canadian-built propeller East by the name of Kent—	
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126.	A bill to change the name of the steamer City of Chester to Portland—	
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149.	A bill for the relief of Charles B. Varney—	
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547.	A bill granting a pension to Caroline M. Egbert—	
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1947.	An act granting a pension to Dwight A. Barrett, late private Company E, Forty-sixth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry—	
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1948.	An act granting a pension to Bridget T. Hopper—	
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	considered, read the third time, and passed	346
	examined and signed	353
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1949.	An act granting a pension to Benjamin C. Webster—	
	received, read twice, and referred	175, 176
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1950.	An act granting a pension to Elizabeth D. Stone—	
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1951.	An act for the relief of John F. Sutherlin and Brother, of Park County, Indiana—	
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1956.	An act for the relief of Thomas Murphy, of Knox County, Missouri—	
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1962.	An act for the relief of Jane Clark, Margaret A. Jack, Justina Peterson, and Mary [Johnson] *Johanson*—	
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2019.	An act to exempt employés in the postal service from militia and jury service—	
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2139.	An act making an appropriation for the payment to Richard Heater, executor of John Heater, deceased, late of Loudoun County, Virginia, of the sum therein named, for value of the stores and supplies taken and used by the United States Army—	
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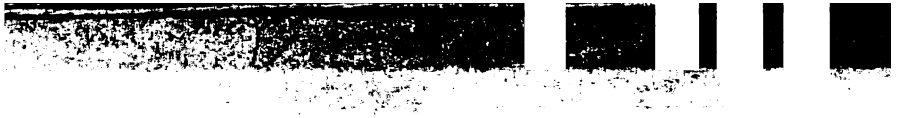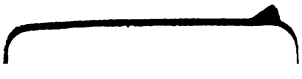
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